2012

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF EASTON

STARLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

AMES SHOVEL WORKS GROUNDBREAKING
JUNE 8, 2012
EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

AMES SHOVEL WORKS REDEVELOPMENT

The historic Ames Shovel Works property is an important part of Easton. The story of the Oliver Ames & Sons company plays a large role in the history of the Town, while the unique and well-preserved buildings the company once occupied still have a major place in North Easton Village. The Shovel Works have stood since the 19th century and played a vital role in providing shovels to union soldiers in the Civil War and also for the California Gold Rush. The complex became increasingly vacant after the 1950s and, prior to redevelopment, had only housed a few small businesses. With the support of the people of Easton, this vacant complex is being revitalized into much needed housing while restoring and preserving nearly all of the structures for future generations. The property's new owner completed their purchase of the property and began construction in April of 2012.

This historic project would have been hard to imagine only a few years ago. In 2008, the previous owners of this complex were planning to demolish significant portions of this site, which was subsequently listed on a national list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. In 2009, with the guidance and encouragement of a dedicated group of residents and experts, Beacon Communities proposed to purchase and redevelop the site with a plan designed to better meet the community's needs. As ultimately approved by the Town, plans include 113 homes located in preserved historic structures, as well as park-like open space, a wastewater treatment plant to serve the site and surrounding areas, and a small building for civic use.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility on the Shovel Works property, which is the first ever in Easton, will serve the homes being constructed at the Shovel Works as well as nearby homes and businesses. This will help to address the need for sewer service in North Easton Village, which has small lot sizes, high groundwater, and a high rate of septic system failure. This Treatment Facility will remove the roadblock of sewer capacity in downtown North Easton and create opportunities for new economic vitality on Main Street.

In 2010, residents approved the use of Town Community Preservation Act funds to help make this proposal possible. This included the $3 million purchase of a Preservation Restriction to prevent demolition and major alteration of the significant historic structures on the property and a $4.5 million loan toward the redevelopment of the property. Continued collaboration between the people of Easton, public officials, and private organizations have successfully stewarded this amazing project to this day.

I would like to thank everyone involved in this great project, including but not limited to: the Easton Board of Selectmen, the Easton CPA Committee, the Easton Historical Commission, the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the National Park Service, the Friends of the Historic Ames Shovel Works, the Ames family, the citizens of Easton, Beacon Communities, Prellwitz Chilinski Associates, the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, and Bank of America.

David A. Colton,
Town Administrator

Cover Photo (from left to right): Town Administrator David Colton, Selectman Todd Gornstein, Selectman Daniel Murphy, Beacon Communities CEO Howard Cohen, Historical Commission Member Greg Galer, Chair of the Selectmen Colleen Corona, David Ames, Massachusetts Senator Thomas Kennedy, Massachusetts Senator Brian Joyce, Massachusetts Housing Partnership Executive Director Clark Ziegler, Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Gregory Bialecki, Bank of America Merrill Lynch Senior Vice President Maria Barry, Historical Commission Chair Melanie Deware, Selectwoman Ellen Barlow, Selectman Sean Noonan. *Photo Credit: John Ventresco*

TOWN OF EASTON 2012

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Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	23,112 (2010 Fed Census) 22,818 (2012 Town Census)
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Total Assessed Real and Personal Property Valuation as of January 1, 2012	$2,881,173,602
Town Meeting	Third Monday in May
Town Election	Fourth Tuesday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON 2012

CONGRESSMEN

John F Kerry, US Senator
Scott P Brown, US Senator
Stephen F Lynch, Representative in Congress, 9th Congressional District

STATE SENATORS

Thomas P Kennedy, (D-Brockton)- 2nd Plymouth & Bristol (Pcts 1 &2)
Brian A Joyce (D-Milton)- Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

REPRSENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

Geraldine Creedon (D-Brockton) - 11th Plymouth District (Pcts 1, 2, 3,4, 5)
Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) – 3rd Bristol District (Pct 6)

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Kelly A Timilty (D-Boston)- 2nd District (Pct 3,4,5,6)
Christopher A Iannella, Jr. (D-Boston)- 4th District (Pcts 1,2)

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees
(In Alphabetical Order)

	TERM EXP.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	
Donna Bonia	2014
Paula Piccinin	2014
Christine Santoro	2014
Ellen Barlow	2013
Amy Rodrigues	2013
Dan Burke	2013
Steve Merlin	2013
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	
Sean Flynn	2015
Nora Yousef	2015
Todd Sandstrum	2014
Rory O'Dwyer	2014
Edmund Hands	2014
Peter Palm	2013
Bridget Meigs	2013
BOARD OF APPEALS	
Ryan Cook	2017
David Mills	2016
Paul Prew	2015
Walter Mirrione	2014
Christopher J. Pike , Alternate	2014
Michael Spillane, Alternate	2013
Thomas A. Pursley	2013
Mark Tuniewicz	2012
AUDIT COMMITTEE	
Brenda DeCosta	2014
Jay Pike	2013
Daniel Murphy	
Donna Abelli	
Michael Ferrara	
CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Stuart Scheonfield	2015
Adam Crowley	2014
Harris Bloomwald	2013
CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Wayne P. Southworth	2015
Jan Fowler	2014
John Fresh, Jr.	2013
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE	
Wendy Nightingale - Town Accountant	
Frederic MacLennan	2014
Pat Goodman	2014
Mark S. Carpentier	2014
Sharyn Katz	2014

	TERM EXP.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Brenden Creedon	2015
Timothy Duffy	2015
Edward Woods	2014
Jonathan Chace	2013
Michael Ganshirt	2013
CONSTABLES	
Brian Bishop	2015
James T. Hartford	2015
Brent Peterson	2015
William Scharnick	2015
Scott Douglas	2014
Michael Goldberg	2014
Lance Cohen	2014
Margaret Carey	2014
James Carey	2014
Phillip E. White, Jr.	2013
Robert Bishop	2013
Jerold Loomis	2013
Harold L. March	2013
John D. Melin	2013
Phillip E. White, Jr.	2013
Michael Marrum	2013
Brent Peterson	2013
Nathaniel Greene	2013
Sean Cushing	2012
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Marie Graca	2015
Marie Healey	2015
Francis H. Spillane	2014
David Cudmore	2014
Rose Friedeborn	2013
Jean Shearing	2013
Nicolina Previti	2013
Delores M. Kent, Director	
CULTURAL COUNCIL	
Inez Smrz	2015
Christine Junge	2015
Deborah Neumann	2014
Linda Paolucci	2014
Francis Smith	2014
Richard Connolly	2014
Kate Mensch	2014
Peter Buhl	2014
Carolyn Cole	2013
Peggy Flynn	2013
LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS	

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

(In Alphabetical Order)

Todd Sandstrum	2014
Mark Carpentier	2014
Robert Mielde	2013

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Susan Henderson	2015
Kit Minsky	2014
Melanie Deware	2013

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

Brendon Creedon	2015
James Lee	2015
Kevin McIntyre	2014
Avery Lee William	2014
Edmund Hands	2014
Christine Santoro	2013
Gregory Strange	2013
William O'Neil	2013
Dennis Sheedy	2013

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

D. Mark Trivett, Ex-Officio	
Michelle Kearney	2015
Robert MacLennan	2015
John Bewsher, Jr.	2014
James Welcome	2013
Robert Coe	2013

FENCE VIEWERS

Mark Trivett Ex-Officio	2015
Meredith Keach	2015
Rob Pelfrey	2015

GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Kerri Mullen	2015
Andrea Waldorf	2014
Adrienne Edwards	2013
Ellen Barlow	2013
Colleen Less	2013
Karen Gallo	2013
Haley Kallfelz	2012

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

John Ventresco	2015
Brian Berry	2015
Edmund C. Hands	2015
Melanie-Jane Deware	2014
Gregory Strange	2014
Karen Cacciapuoti	2014
Greg Galer	2013
David Blanchard	2013
Timothy Hurley	2013

Scott Douglas	2014
Marcia Connors (Town)	2015
Stephen Merlin	2015
Gerard S. Marsan (Corp)	2014
Uma Hiremath	2013
Hazel Verella	2013
Nancy Donahue	2013
William Ames (Corp)	2013
Karen Hays	2013
James Fowler	2013
Donna Richman	2012

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Gregory Strange	2015
Catherine Adler	2015
Patti Groebe	2015
Keith Graveline	2015
Brian Hoffman	2015
Peter Buhl	2015
Paul Prew	2015
Dawn Boynton	2015
Walter Mirrione	2015
Majid Lashkari	2015
Ellen Barlow	2015
Craig Binney	2015
Christopher Kone	2015
Beth Shapiro	2015
Edmund Hands	2015

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Michael Green	School Supt. Rep
Dawn Boynton	School Rep
Jane Martin	School Rep
David Field	DPW Dir., Ex-Offcio
Keith Graveline	2015
Kenneth Carlson	2014
Fred MacLennan	2014
Larry Mowatt	2013
Ralph Vatalaro	2013

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES

Delores Kent, Board of Directors

Nicolina Previti, Board of Directors Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative

OCPC AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate

Marie Healey, Alternate

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

(In Alphabetical Order)

Todd Sandstrum	2014

HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD

John Zalis	2014
Sonia Bryan	2012

RECREATION COMMISSION

Meredith Keach	2015
Charles H. Hammond	2015
Robert Benton	2014
Tana Babbitt	2014
Derek Plaisted	2013
William O'Neil	2013
Jennifer Gallagher	2013

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Gus Arns	2014
Patricia Locke	2012
Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC	

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

John Melin

VETERANS AND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

Louis Silva
Daniel Amorim
Alvin Smart, Commander VFW
Lewis Chapman
John flynn
Stanley Borgeson
James Mullen, Jr.
Arthur Stecker
Donald Tuck
Thomas Kane

WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Shirley Tufts	2013
Michael Sommers	2012
John J. Marsh, Operations Manager/Water Div.	

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John F. Hurley, Chair
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Chairman, School Committee
Commander, George F. Schindler Post VFW
Commander, George S. Shepard Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin
Robert Hicks
Ellen Barlow

Scott Douglas	2014
Wayne P. Southworth, Representative	2012

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Wayne Benson, JR	2016
Peter Deschenes	2015
David Clymens - Alternate	2014
Daniel Smith	2014
Christine Santoro	2013
John Varella	2013

PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

Karen Cacciapuoti	2015
Nancy Cohenno	2015
William Palmer	2015
Richard Voci	2015
Andrew McAlarney	2015

Town of Easton, Massachusetts

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

	TERM EXPIRES
MODERATOR	
Walter Galas	2015
SELECTMEN	
Colleen A. Corona	2015
Daniel Murphy	2015
Todd Gornstein	2014
Sean Noonan	2013
Ellen Barlow	2013
ASSESSORS	
Scott Timulty	2015
Gerald J. Noonan	2014
Wallace M. Fulcher	2013
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Colleen Less	2015
Laurie Han	2014
Caroline S. O'Neill	2014
Donna Abelli	2013
Jane Martin	2013
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Jennifer Nichols	2015
Gilbert A. Heino	2014
Scott Aronson	2013
HOUSING AUTHORITY	
Dennis Sheedy	2017
Sandra L. Conant	2016
Katherine Taylor	2015
Michael J. Malloy	2013
FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Robert Mielde	2015
Scott Maclennan	2015
Benjamin Hampton	2015
Jack Waksman	2014
Kimberly Dubois	2014
David Mills	2014
Carol Nestler	2013
Frederick Isleib	2013
Elaine Hanson	2013
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Michael Pietrowski	2014

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Town Administrator	David A. Colton
Animal Control Officer	Elizabeth J. DeRosa
Animal Inspector, Milk Inspector	Elizabeth J. DeRosa
Chief Appraiser	Robert Alford
Health Agent	Mark Taylor
Health Agent	Kristin Kennedy
Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement, ADA Coordinator	D. Mark Trivett
Council on Aging Director	Dolores M. Kent
Director of Planning & Community Development	Gary Anderson
DPW Director	David Field
DPW Operations Manager	Maurice Goulet
Fire Chief	Kevin Partridge
Library Executive Director	Uma Hiremath
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	Ronald Wiseman
Alternate Plumbing & Gas Inspector	Ronald Wiseman
Police Chief	Allen R. Krajcik
Recreation Program Director	Anne Daley
School Superintendent	Michael Green, Ed. D.
School Superintendent, Asst.	Cathy MacLeod
Town Accountant	Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Clerk	Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC
Town Counsel	Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC
Treasurer and Collector	Teresa DeSilva
Veterans Agent	John Hogan
Water Division Operations Manager	John J. Marsh
Wiring Inspector	Kevin Greiner
Wiring Inspector, Asst.	John F. Amorim

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In 2012 the Town held a steady financial course, took leaps forward in the areas of much needed downtown revitalization and infrastructure improvements, and began the process of creating a vision for the future.

After multiple years of budget strain with reorganizing, cutting back, and spending reserves, we were finally able to make some restorations in public safety and education and add to our reserves. We are hopeful that the coming year will allow for incremental improvement, and we can continue the process of restoring cuts to important services in a way that will also be sustainable.

In April, after several long years of process and paperwork, the long-awaited closing on the Shovel Shop Project took place. This public/private partnership between Beacon Communities, LLC and the Town of Easton prevented the destruction of a nationally recognized historic site, creates market-rate and affordable housing, and provides for the first municipal wastewater treatment system in Easton. On June 8, the official Ames Shovel Work Groundbreaking was held and was well attended by residents, officials from the State and the Town of Easton, and Beacon Communities.

The Affordable Housing Trust began to act on its stated goals. Two homes have been purchased by moderate income families and will remain affordable forever thanks to the Trust's Homebuyer Assistance Program. The Trust has also initiated its small repair grant program to help keep people in their homes and will hold its first Affordable Housing Fair in early 2013.

We are proud to say that Easton's affordable housing efforts have been recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that we are held up as a success story and example for others to follow.

The Town completed work on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), an effort that was initiated in 1999, and began work on the 2013 installation of the first residential waste water treatment facility in North Easton Village. The CWMP plots the course for both in-town and future regional municipal wastewater treatment systems to serve Easton.

Easton finally began the long-awaited process of updating the Master Plan. The plan will incorporate the opinions and ideas of residents and will guide the development and preservation of Easton's land, infrastructure, and buildings for the next 15 years. Critical components of the Master Plan will include land use, environmental protection and sustainability, historic preservation, economic development, transportation, and housing. The Master Plan will be used to guide Town policy and to encourage specific programs to be undertaken by the Town government and community. We look forward to working with the Master Plan Steering Committee over the next two years.

The Town's newly established Agricultural Commission began work in earnest. The Farmers' Market was moved to town-owned land on Depot Street, increasing visibility and access. In response to high demand, a winter Farmers' Market was added at Simpson Spring on Washington Street. In addition, the Agricultural Commission brought forth a Right to Farm bylaw, which passed overwhelmingly at Town Meeting. The Right to Farm bylaw helps ensure agricultural activities are supported within the Town by advocating for farmers and promoting a beneficial relationship between the agricultural community and the non-farming residents of Easton. We congratulate the Agricultural Commission on the success of these initiatives.

The Cultural Commission began the process of establishing a cultural district in the Town of Easton. Recently, Governor Patrick signed a bill into law that allows cities and towns to create state-sponsored cultural districts to stimulate new arts and cultural activity and attract creative business. The new district will encompass historical buildings such as Queset House and the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall and bring artists, musicians, festivals, and tourists to Easton. The goal is to foster partnerships among local artists, historians and business owners. We would like to thank the Cultural Commission and Sub-Committee

Chair Carolyn Cole for their commitment to this project. We look forward to the official designation of Easton's own Shovel Town Cultural District.

Easton has established itself as a leader among Massachusetts communities in energy conservation and alternative energy development. In 2012, several green initiatives, which resulted in significant savings to the community, were brought forward. Town Meeting supported the purchase of Easton's street lights, which allows the community to switch to high-efficiency LED lighting, reducing energy consumption by 50%, with additional savings on the maintenance costs of the lights. The Town also entered into a lease agreement for a solar installation at the former landfill site which will generate one-third of town government's electricity needs.

In April, Colleen Corona was re-elected to a fourth term on the Board and Daniel Murphy was re-elected to a second term. Both look forward to continuing their service to the community. In July, Conservation Commission member John Grant was recognized by the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission for his remarkable 45 years of service to the Town of Easton. Mr. Grant was commended for his exemplary and visionary service to the community and for his role in preserving significant open space in Easton. He leaves a lasting legacy and Easton would not be the same without his commitment to land preservation.

2012 saw many changes to the administrative staff of the Town. Chief Thomas Stone retired from the Fire Department after 33 years of service. We wish him all the best and thank him for his commitment and dedication to our community. Easton welcomed Fire Chief Kevin Partridge, DPW Director David Field, and Planning Director Gary Anderson. We look forward to working with them in the coming years.

The Board would like to express our appreciation for the dedication of Easton's Town employees who work very hard every day to meet the needs of our residents. We would also like to express our thanks to the many talented individuals who volunteer hours to serve our community. Easton is a better place because of all of you.

We would like to thank Town Administrator David Colton for his leadership and creativity during this continued fiscal crisis, as well as Mary Southworth and Connor Read for their assistance and support. It has been an honor to serve the Town of Easton, and we thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Corona, Chair
Ellen Barlow, Clerk
Daniel Murphy
Sean Noonan
Todd Gornstein

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The role of the Finance Committee is to make recommendations at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) and Special Town Meetings regarding the Town's finances and other matters based on our diligent reviews and expertise. Our objective is to provide sufficient, objective information about the Town's financial situation in a straightforward manner in order to assist Easton citizens in making informed decisions and choices.

Finance Committee is tasked with making recommendations on all warrant articles. In addition we complete a detailed review on all Town and School departmental budgets making recommendations on those as well. We have over the past several years been reviewing all off budget accounts, looking for opportunities to use those accounts when appropriate, helping to stretch our tax dollars for the departmental and school budgets.

The Finance Committee consists of 9 members. We generally meet once a month June through January, increasing to weekly or more during the budget review season February through May. We average 20 plus meetings annually. The most difficult aspect of our role is listening to what are often terrific plans and ideas and weighing them against the financial constraints of our community's resources. We need to take into account the current financial concerns of the taxpayers of our community, some of whom struggle with day to day expenses, and be sure tax dollars are being spent wisely. In a perfect world Easton would be able to implement all our plans, fully staff every department and set aside money for future needs. In the real world we need to make difficult decisions, balancing the most basic of needs, like public safety and education, while not being short sighted about future plans. We are the unbiased overseers of the taxpayer's money and must recommend where and how we think the money should be spent based on the projects and budgets presented to us.

It is often very difficult in a one or two minute snippet of time to be able to summarize all the complex issues when we take a vote on town meeting floor. This is our second year of holding televised meetings in an effort to better inform the community as to how we reach our decisions. We continue to encourage open debate and are by no means a group that has or wants consensus on every issue. We discuss all aspects and all sides of an issue, openly, before we vote on it. We welcome input from the community and encourage Easton residents to attend our meetings.

Finance Committee members participate in a variety of other committees and groups throughout the year. Our members are active participants in the Budget Subcommittee, Capital Planning Committee, and Audit Committee, as well as in ad hoc groups formed to address specific situations and needs. For the second year in a row, we have had volunteers from our board attend virtually every BOS meeting so we are better prepared as budgets and warrants come before us. As your elected officials, we are dedicated to serving the taxpayers of Easton. We would like to encourage more communication between all of the boards. It is extremely helpful to have some knowledge of a proposed warrant article before the article makes it to the warrant. Often there are deeply complex issues that need to be analyzed before we can make a recommendation. That combined with the limited amount of time between the draft of the warrant article and a complete budget review for the school and town puts remarkable constraints on our members. We hope to continue to improve upon open communication between the boards and have requested additional meetings along those lines.

We enjoy effective working relationships with the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Superintendent of Schools, and the School Committee. We appreciate the efforts of all Town employees, especially the department heads, for working with us throughout the year, and look forward to continuing our mutually respectful collaboration for the benefit of the citizens of Easton.

We welcome newest members, Ben Hampton, Elaine Hanson, Scott MacLennan and Robert Mielde, and thank those who have been on this board previously. We also wish to thank Stacey Lincoln for her continued dedicated services as secretary to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nestler, Chairman	Benjamin Hampton	Robert Mielde
Kimberly DuBois, Vice Chairman	Elaine Hanson	David Mills
Fred Isleib, Clerk	Scott MacLennan	Jack Waxman

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Department of Revenue regulations now require assessors to review assessments on a yearly basis to see if they meet the statistical criteria contained in the Massachusetts General Laws. Median assessments must be at least 90 % of market value and not exceed 110% as determined by analysis of the previous year's sales. Assessments must also meet uniformity criteria that show all similar properties are being assessed by the same methodology. The results of analyzing the 2011 valid or "arm's length" sales showed that residential values declined by 2 to 3% . Condos decreased 12% in value. Sales seemed to be holding steady in calendar 2012 and this will be reflected in the fiscal year 2014 assessments. Commercial and industrial value are determined by an income capitalization process that reacts more slowly to market variations and those values remained steady in 2011.

Decline in assessed values has little effect on real estate tax liability because the same amount of money needs to be raised whether the values decline, stay the same, or increase. If the values decline, the tax rate is proportionately higher and the reverse is true if values increase. Even if values remain the same, Prop 2½ allows increases to the overall amount the Town can raise. Due to these allowable increases, taxes normally will go up 3-4% a year.

Prior to setting the tax rate, the assessors are responsible for putting together information to aid the Board of Selectmen in its decision concerning classification. The Selectmen make the decision on whether to have a single or split tax rate.

Real estate overvaluation applications are reviewed by the Board of Assessors. The time frame for filing an overvaluation application is from late December when the actual bill comes out through the following February 1st. A postmark on or before February 1st from the US Post Office is a timely filing. The filing time period is set in the General Laws and late applications cannot be considered. Decisions on all applications are made by the assessors within three months of the filing date. Assessors can only look at the assessed value (not taxes) to determine if abatement is warranted. Decisions of the Board of Assessors can be appealed to the Appellate Tax Board within that Board's filing period.

The office works with the Council on Aging and the Veteran's Agent to alert elderly and veterans to changes in the laws governing statutory exemptions. Assessing staff spend a good deal of time on the phone and in the office helping our homeowners fill out applications.

Motor vehicle excise bill inquiries concerning abatements, place of garaging issues, and overvaluation of the vehicle are handled in this office. Staff is in constant contact with the Registry of Motor Vehicles trying to resolve issues for the taxpayers.

The Community Preservation Act Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board processes exemptions to this surcharge.

Many reports for other departments and state agencies are generated from the assessors' data base. The report that is most requested is the abutters' list for public hearings.

The assessors' data is now on the Internet. The Assessing staff is working on upgrading the Assessing website to have more information and forms online. Exemptions and motor vehicle information are also on the website.

This year the Betterment Module was purchased from SoftRight for all the septic and soon to be sewer betterments. Eight septic betterments were processed this year.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$ 2,827,594,600
Assessed Value of Personal Property	$ 53,579,003
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$ 2,881,173,603

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	$	72,182,174.38
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc. Charges		33,929.00
State & County Charges		676,961.00
Overlay Account		335,260.93
Total Expenditures	$	73,228,325.31

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$	12,577,375.00
Local Receipts		5,580,000.00
Enterprise Funds		3,828,655.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		3,723,532.38
Community Preservation Funds		1,966,220.00
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$	27,705,782.38

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	$	45,522,542.93

Tax Rate = 45,522,542.93/ 2,881,173,603 x 1000 = $15.80

The assessment date for fiscal year 2013values was January 1, 2012. The Town now has 5,576 single-family homes, 1385 condominiums, 159 two-family homes and 23 three-family homes. The average single family home for fiscal year 2013 is $ 370,100. New Growth was $413,005.

Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors' Office:

January 1st	Property Tax Assessment Date.
June 30th	Property Tax Assessment Date for building permits. The Town adopted Chapter 653 of the MA. General Laws at the Special Town Meeting in January, 2004. This changed the date from January 1st to June 30th for succeeding fiscal years.
February 1st	Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the actual bill is mailed in December through February 1st (or the next work day if February 1st falls on a weekend.)
March 1st	Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.
March	Exemption applications for elderly (over 65), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the

	actual tax bill is mailed the previous December. Applications are mailed in August to anyone qualifying in the previous year. Community Preservation Act exemptions may be submitted anytime after March 1st and must be accompanied by the income tax filing from the previous year. Contact the office for exemption forms.
May 1st	Payment of fourth quarterly tax bill.
August 1st	Payment of the 1st preliminary tax bill. Preliminary bills are based on at least one quarter of the taxes from the previous fiscal year. If significant changes have taken place such as subdivision of land or new construction taxes will be estimated accordingly. New construction will be based on whatever is complete on the previous June 30th.
November 1st	Payment of the 2nd preliminary tax bill.
December	Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarterly bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-0520

GERALD J. NOONAN	Chairman
SCOTT TIMULTY	Vice-Chairman
WALLY FULCHER	Clerk

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2012.

In January the Health Department welcomed Katherine Minsky to the position of Executive Assistant, a position shared with the Inspectional Services Department. Our current Board Members are Chairman Jennifer Nichols, Dr. Scott Aronson and Vice Chairman Gilbert Heino. The Board of Health continued to be supported by Mr. Mark Taylor, RHES/RS full time Health Agent, Ms. Kristin Kennedy, REHS/RS, part time Health Agent, and Mr. Timothy Meyers, part time Health Inspector. The Board is fortunate to have the continued service of Ms. Elizabeth DeRosa as Animal Inspector.

During the summer the Board of Health hosted an intern, Ms. Mallory Zambolla, from the Boston University School of Public Health through a program sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Ms. Zambolla worked on developing a series of public service posters on various Public Health topics to be used for a continuing education and information program developed with the Easton Public Schools for providing timely information on their website. Ms. Zambolla also began building a data base to aid the office in tracking the condominium, shared and enhanced treatment septic systems.

The members of the Board of Health attended an annual certification seminar specifically for Board of Health members on public health issues and laws. The professionals within the office maintained their education requirements for their state licenses and certifications by attending seminars and classes throughout the year on a variety of topics.

The Board of Health met 28 times in public meeting forum this year. The Board of Health sought and was granted approval at Town meeting to expand its existing Smoking Bylaw to include town owned property, recreation fields and conservation land. The Board of Health held one public hearing for the purpose of promulgating a regulation which allows the Board of Health to take action and restrict outdoor activities in situations where it is necessary to do so to protect the public from vector borne illness such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV), both of which continue to be present in this area.

The summer of 2012 brought early and unprecedented numbers of EEE positive mosquito pools- 74 out of 100. These were then followed by positive WNV pools- 8 in total. Both viruses are passed on from the bird population to the mosquito population and then in some cases to humans, with potentially devastating effects. In response to the alarming and persistent test results the State preformed two rounds of nighttime aerial spraying. The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project continued to support the Town by offering an adult mosquito spraying program. The spraying is done at the request by either local residents or city/town officials.

The Easton Board of Health and its Staff were recognized by the Department of Public Health with two awards for its leadership during this trying time. The BOH would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the overwhelming commitment of our community groups who helped greatly reduce the potential exposure of our residents to these threats by responding with responsibility and creativity.

In January the BOH began accepting applications for the Betterment funds approved in 2011. The response was overwhelming and the initial borrowing of $200,000 was exhausted within 4 months. The BOH returned to Town Meeting seeking approval to continue the program with a million borrowing from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust. To date 28 households have secured funding to upgrade their failed septic systems through Betterment Loans which are offered at 2% over 20 years.

On July 1, 2012 The State of Massachusetts instituted a ban on residential sharps in household trash. While the law did don't require that towns take an active role in providing a safe and legal method for disposal of these items, the BOH felt a responsibility to help its residents comply. Through a cooperative effort with other departments, the Town now offers two options to its residents for the disposal of these items- an annual collection day and a container purchase and return program.

Through a Local Public Health Mini Grant, the BOH assisted the Easton Police Department in purchasing a kiosk for the safe disposal of expired, unwanted and unused medications. During its first 6 months of use, the unit, which has a 50 quart bin, needed to be emptied weekly.

The Board of Health responsibilities are numerous, varied and focused on community health. Our responsibilities can be viewed on the town's website www.easton.ma.us. Click on department tab then click Board of Health. You may also reach our office at 508-230-0620 for information and guidance.

Public health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency (CVNA) of Attleboro. Ms. Maureen Cardarelli, R.N., the town's contract nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The following activities and responsibilities were handled by the CVNA:731 Immunizations; 21 Mantoux testing; 0 Lead Level Screening; Health Promotion Clinics, for Blood Pressure, 52 Blood Sugar, and 10 Total Cholesterol Screening; 229 Blood Pressures 95 Communicable Disease investigations; and 5 Latent Tuberculosis Infections follow ups. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to a number of providers within the community for the Board of Health. The public health nurse provided health screening and information at the Town Offices, Parker Terrace, Elise Circle and Frothingham Hall at four scheduled clinic per month. The town nurse facilitated eight seasonal flu clinics.

The town continues to prepare for pandemic flu and other mass emergences. Plans for utilizing our emergency dispensing sites were evaluated with the help of Amy Palmer, from the Bristol County Emergency Preparedness coalition. Emergency Preparedness activities have included an activation of one site and use as for a flu clinic and a set up drill at the other site. Quarterly call down drills where also performed, and constant updating of are emergency response manual was performed..

With the help of Jenni Sousa the Coordinator for the Bristol County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), the Town has continued its work with the MRC and has added several members over the past year with an average of 1.5 per month. The town is fortunate to have over 84 members of the surrounding community who have completed applications for MRC volunteer program. Over 50 of which are Easton Residents. Additional FEMA trainings as well as CPR where held for the volunteers.

The rabies epizootic exists in the state of Massachusetts. Vaccinating domestic pets is advised as well as required by law in the State of Massachusetts. One rabies clinics was sponsored by the Board of Health on April 15, 2012. At the clinic, a total of 125animals (88 dogs and 37 cats) were vaccinated by Dr. Buffman.

There were 1087 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Body Art Establishment, 1; Body Art Practitioner, 2; Body art Apprentice 1; Piercer 1 ; Camps,10 ; Motels/Trailer Parks,1 ; Food service including Mobil food ,farmers market and temporary 286, ; Death Certificates 183, done with the help of the Town Clerk's office,; Dumpsters, 230; Dumpster Service, 20; Funeral Directors, 2; Disposal System Construction Permits,145; Disposal Works Installer Permits,59 ; Outdoor Sanitary Facilities, 22 ; Title 5 inspectors,42 ; Public/Semi-public Swimming Pools, 12; Tanning Facilities, 5; Tobacco Sales Permits, 33; Residential curbside 4; and Transport Offal,(septic Pump trucks) 28.
The office logged 38 complaints from the general public.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH	HEALTH AGENTS
Jennifer Nichols, Chairman	Mark Taylor, REHS/RS
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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

There were no changes to School Committee membership during 2012; Colleen Less was reelected to a three-year term in the April town election.

Superintendent, Dr. Michael Green, continues to provide executive leadership that is focused, balanced, and progressive. Dr. Green uses the Strategic Plan as a framework to guide the District forward and supports a culture that promotes changes in policy and process to improve educational outcomes.

The School Committee approved an operating budget of $33,731.471 for school year 2012 – 2013. This budget represents a 4.23% increase over the preceding year. Cautious and thorough planning allowed the District to restore some of the significant cuts that had been made in previous budget cycles. However, it will be some time before we are confident that the fiscal environment can support any of the major new programs and initiatives the School Committee envisions for our students. We continue to lag behind the State average on our per pupil expenditures by approximately $2,500 per pupil per year. Simply meeting the State average would require an infusion of approximately $9,500,000 into our yearly operating budget.

The Schools received $145,030 through the Town's Capital budget planning process. This represents approximately 13% of the Capital appropriation of $1,112,130. Included in this appropriation was funding for core network upgrades, computers for the seven schools, walkway path lighting and Parkview roof repairs. Unfortunately, this appropriation did not include critical technology infrastructure work for Oliver Ames High School and Easton Middle School. As an alternative, the School Department chose to use $52,207 of funding from the Campaign for Oliver Ames High School ("Naming Campaign") to install wireless capacity at the High School. However, Easton Middle School remains wireless.

In the late winter of 2012, the Massachusetts School Building Authority invited the Town to participate in the Accelerated Repair Program for roof repair and replacement at Easton Middle School. This invitation came as a response to our annual submittal to the MSBA for infrastructure work (primarily roofs and boilers) for Parkview, Moreau, Center and the Easton Middle Schools. Annual Town Meeting voted to appropriate $1,500,000 for this project with an expected reimbursement from the Authority of 50.16%. At the November 19, 2012 Special Town Meeting, this appropriation was increased by $750,000 because further testing indicated that the roof work was more extensive than originally believed.

As indicated in last year's report, the School Committee is concerned with the lack of progress to address the infrastructure needs at the three primary schools. Letters of Interest are submitted to the MSBA, however, given the extensive school infrastructure needs across the State, we are not confident that Easton's primary schools will be selected to participate in any of the MSBA programs. Therefore, working though the Easton Municipal Building Committee, we hope to put together a comprehensive needs analysis for these schools that may lead to a proposal to finance these projects through a debt exclusion override.

Despite significant fiscal constraints, the District continues to implement and sustain programs that improve the quality of education for all students in our schools. We have adopted a curriculum renewal cycle across all grades and through all academic areas. This year, the School Committee approved the following curriculum: Geography, Grade 12 Statistics, Grade 9 English, Grade 10 English, Physics, Technology K-5, Web Design and Conceptual Physics. The School Committee approved a modified block and drop scheduling system for Oliver Ames High School. This new schedule was implemented in the fall of 2012. Students elect seven courses but one course is dropped from the schedule each day. This allows for a long block of two courses in the students schedule per day. The School Committee approved two policies during 2012: the EEO policy and the Concussion Policy.

The 3,911 students in the District continue to impress us with their accomplishments. Approximately 96% of the Oliver Ames 2012 graduating class moved on to higher education; 84% attended four year colleges, 12% went on to one or two year schools or programs; and 4% joined the work force or the military. The 2012 MCAS scores continue to exceed State averages and our students compare well with the scores of children in Districts throughout the State. Outside of the classroom, our students continue to demonstrate their passion for excellence and commitment to activities and causes that are quite extensive. Sports, drama, music, academic research, the visual arts, journalism and writing, philanthropy and community outreach – our students at all grade levels and from all backgrounds participate in ways that make us very proud of them.

The School Committee reached negotiated contract agreements with two of the six collective bargaining units in the District: the Easton Educators Association, Unit A which represents the teachers, and the Easton Educators Association, Unit B which represents the paraprofessionals. Both of these Units agreed to a 1%, 2% and 3% compensation increase through the successive years of the contract, effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015. The School Committee hopes to reach agreement with the remaining four units by the late spring of 2013.

The School Committee accepted the following retirements in 2012: High School level: Chemistry Teacher Janice Brockman, Assistant Principal Marc Brockman, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Ann Foresman, and English Teacher Patricia Steiner; Athletic Director James VonEuw; at the Middle School level: Network Support Professional Austin Cary, Learning Specialists Kathleen Ciullo and Karen Lema, Science Teacher Joanne Edwards, Principal John Giuggio, English Teacher Gail McCarthy, and Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Mary Jo McLaughlin; and at the Elementary School level: School Psychologist Laurel Silverman, Elementary Teachers Sherrie Alford, Kathleen Duggan, and Barbara Neely; Custodian Peter Constantine, Clerical Aide Jane Garvin, and Paraprofessional Nancy Josselyn. We thank them for their years of service and offer our best wishes to these members of our educational community as their lives enter a new phase.

The School Department Administrative Offices are located at 50 Oliver Street, North Easton, Massachusetts. The main phone number is 508-230-3200. You can visit our website at www.easton.k12.ma.us. We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas. On behalf of all the students in the District, we thank the community of Easton for the support they continue to provide to our schools and our children.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane Martin, Chair
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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Vision Statement

Advocate for Easton veterans, dependents and widows; providing access to every federal, state and local service & benefit to which they are entitled, and account for town interests by ensuring 75% of MGL Chapter 115 low-income financial assistance is reimbursed by the state.

Mission Statement

Provide veterans access and referral to education, training and employment services. Help veterans with service record concerns. Provide direct service to veterans by answering questions and recommending resources. Meet with, advise, guide & counsel veterans, assist in applying for state wartime bonuses and annuities; and assist with VA disability claims. Additionally, facilitate a mutual support group to address the unique need for community reintegration after service in the armed forces, particularly combat trauma.

Year in Review

With state approval, Easton joined the Towns of Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton to operate as a four-town district on February 1, 2012. Under the Crossroads Veterans' Services District agreement, Easton continues to have veteran clerk assistance, as well as the aid of three full-time veteran service officers (VSO's). A major push was helping to transition veterans with service related injuries and illness impacting their working ability, from local/state aid to federal VA benefits; and to get newly returning veterans reintegrated into the community and back to school and work.

Special Thanks

We appreciatively recognize the officers and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2547 and American Legion Post 7, who continue to organize and run the annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, as well as provide much needed outreach assistance to the community in the form of rides for veterans to medical appointments, assistance in transporting basic necessities such as groceries and winter clothing to those who cannot drive, as well as scholarships for local youth to attend Boys & Girls State, and scholarships for college.

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During 2012, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on short and long-range plans to meet increased programmatic and staffing concerns. Despite the continued fiscal challenges, the school system maintained programs, addressed class size issues, considered the recommendations of the NEAS&C Accreditation Report, and met increased special education demands. The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents, the community-at-large, and the continued support of the citizens of Easton provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of the students of Easton.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory, and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details that made up the lives of the young people and adults of Easton during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

A number of staff changes were experienced by the school system during the 2012 calendar year. Retirements included: at the High School level: Chemistry Teacher Janice Brockman, Assistant Principal Marc Brockman, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher/Department Head Ann Foresman, English Teacher Patricia Steiner; and Athletic Director James VonEuw; at the Middle School level: Network Support Professional Austin Cary, Learning Specialists Kathleen Ciullo and Karen Lema, Science Teacher Joanne Edwards, Principal John Giuggio, English Teacher Gail McCarthy, and Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Mary Jo McLaughlin; and at the Elementary School level: School Psychologist Laurel Silverman, Elementary Teachers Sherrie Alford, Kathleen Duggan, and Barbara Neely; Custodian Peter Constantine, Clerical Aide Jane Garvin, and Paraprofessional Nancy Josselyn.

Staff moving to other professional opportunities include at the High School level: English Teachers Courtney Enright and Jennifer Iamele, Mathematics Teacher Christina Ireland, Lead Nurse Joyce O'Connor, and Paraprofessional John Shea; at the Elementary level: Food Service Manager Linda Hallamore, and Principal Donna Tobin.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Class of 2012 is well represented in colleges across the nation. Approximately ninety-six percent of the graduating class moved on to higher education with eighty-four percent attending four-year colleges and universities, and twelve percent opting for one and two year schools. Four percent elected to join the world of work and/or the military.

The Class of 2012 was also successful in obtaining substantial financial aid from colleges and universities. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued to support our graduates with donations to the many scholarships raised within the community.

Students continue to achieve well above national and state averages on the SATs. In addition, five hundred fifty-two Advanced Placement exams were taken by nearly four hundred students in early May. Student performance on these exams continues to be very strong with over eighty percent of students achieving passing grades.

A new Block and Drop schedule was put in place at Oliver Ames High School in September. Students elect seven courses, but attend six classes per day, dropping one of their seven classes each day. This allows for a period with longer instructional times daily. Most students report that they enjoy the new schedule very much.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that Easton students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. A Three Dimensional Design class is now offered to seventh graders at Easton Middle School. A number of high school and middle school students were selected to participate in the state-wide *Boston Globe* Art Awards competition. The following are award winners from the high school and middle school: High school students placed as follows: Gold Key: Juliana Ferrara, Emily Grotz, Daria Laboutina, and Erica Lewis; Silver Key: Kayla Bragg and Emma Troupe; Honorable Mention: Chelsea Sirois, Jessica Neary, and Brandan Griffin. At the middle school level, Jessica Looney received Honorable Mention. Josh White took first place in the Annual 9th Congressional District Art Show.

Twenty-six middle school students had their art exhibited at the Attleboro Art Museum and participated in the SMARTS Collaborative Middle School Art Show. Twenty-four students in grades three, four and five had their art work recognized through the Easton Water Department Poster Contest. First-place winners: grade three-Lexi Gennis; grade four-Julianne Aviles; and grade five-Selena DeCosta; Second-place winners: grade three-Jessica Erlich; grade four-Brianna Locke; grade five-Anna Tempestoso; Third-place winners: grade three-Madeleine Taylor; grade four-Erika Mekler; grade five-Grace Maga. 2012 Winners in the International Lions Club Peace Poster were: First Place – Cobey Williamson; Second Place – Jack O'Leary; Third Place – Anna Vidoni.

In music, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard, under the direction of Robert Wheeler, had a successful 2012 season. In October they placed second and first at the two USSBA shows, and earned a Silver Medal at the MICCA Finals in Lowell. The band also marched in Easton's Veterans Day Parade, performed at Faneuil Hall in Boston, and marched in the Lions Club Holiday Festival Parade.

In April, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard accepted an invitation from Senator John Kerry to represent the Commonwealth of MA in the National March at the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

The OAHS Jazz Band also had a successful competition year placing 4th (Honorable Mention) in their division at the Berklee Jazz Festival. They also received a Silver Medal at the MAJE Southeast District Festival and a Silver Medal at the MAJE Allstate Festival.

The OAHS Combo also played at many civic events: the Lion's Club Annual Awards Banquet, the Friends of the Library Open House, the NRT Harvest Fair, at the Langwater Estate for the Friends of Easton and the Easton Women of Today Breakfast.

Students in the OAHS Show Choir and Pit Band hosted the 28th Annual Bay State Show Choir Festival. The school system hosted 400 students from Easton and twelve other communities across New England and Canada during the two-day festival. The Show Choir also competed in the Mill City Festival in Lowell, earning a Gold Medal, Outstanding Pit Band Award, Best Choreography, and Best Vocals. In addition, the Show Choir received a Gold Medal and First Place in the Central MA Show Choir Festival in Dudley where Nate Faust received the Best Male Soloist award. At the Eastern Show Choir Festival in Waltham in April, the group received the Grand Champion, Best Choreography and Best Vocals awards and award for Outstanding Pit Band with the Judges Award going to Addy Marcus.

The 2012 OAHS musical production "Thoroughly Modern Millie" directed by Charlene Dalrymple, was one of the best musicals produced at Oliver Ames High School with support from numerous staff and parents.

Students selected to participate in the Southeast Senior District Music Festival included: Chorus –Denali Bennett, Joseph Burke, Max Cerci, Kurt Eichorn, Maeve Evans, Nathan Faust, Davis Healy, Addy Marcus, Livvy Marcus, Harrison Phelps, Amanda Urquhart, and Jared Wise; Orchestra – Derrick Cheng and

Christopher Naughton; Concert Band – Alan Sweet and Grace Sweet; Jazz Band - Markus Ayasse, Michael Hansen, and Haley Hill. Students participating in the MA Allstate Students Conference at Symphony Hall were: Chorus – Maeve Evans, Kurt Eichorn, Harrison Phelps, and Jared Wise; Jazz Band - Michael Hansen, Grace Sweet, and Derrick Cheng.

A number of students from OAHS and EMS participated in the Senior and Junior SEMSBA Music Festival held in April and May in Orchestra, Band and Chorus: Senior SEMSBA Members inlcuded: Corina Aaronson, Michael Brown, Kevin Grant, Isabel Lamont, Liam McCafferty, Christopher Naughton, Emily Volk, and Hannah Worden; Junior SEMSBA Members included: Kara Arnold, Jarod Boone, Chris Constantinou, Eleni Constantinou, Julia Corona, Molly Cunha, Haley Dalton, Nicole DiCienzo, Mikeighla Droney, Anna Falls, Gianna Ferrini, Elizabeth Hadley, Daniel Herschlag, Andrew Kozak, Benjamin Mailloux, Ryan McFarland, Phillip Michalowski, Danielle Miller, Caitlin Naughton, Connor Naughton, Rebecca O'Rourke, Corey Springhetti, Amy Sweet, Matthew Thibeault, and Ben Volk.

At the middle school, twelve students were chosen for the Southeast Junior District Music Festival, with students being accepted into the Orchestra, Concert Band and Chorus are as follows: Concert Band – Sean Motta; Orchestra – Kara Arnold, Chris Constantinou, Eleni Constantinou, Anna Falls, and Ben Volk; Chorus – Mikeighla Droney, Gianna Ferrini, Hannah Lizotte, Benjamin Mailloux, Zakaria Mifdal, Danielle Miller, Seamus Morrison, and Rebecca O'Rourke. Also, the EMS Show Choir earned a Silver Medal at the Central MA Festival and the Show Choir Festival in Somerset The EMS Jazz band won Gold and Silver Medals at the MAJE Junior Festival in May.

All five Middle School ensembles in Grades 7 and 8 traveled to Westfield State University to participate in the Great East Music Festival. All five ensembles received Platinum or Gold ratings for their performances.

Concerts were held in January and June at the Easton Middle School for sixth graders and at the Olmsted/Richardson schools. These concerts featured the Grade Six Band, Chorus and Orchestra, and the combined Olmsted and Richardson Fifth Grade Chorus, Band and Orchestra. Fourth grade students participated in the two Spring concerts held in June. In the three primary schools, students participated in musical tributes on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Individual schools held a variety of end-of-the-year musical performances that included outstanding student participation and individual and group performances.

In the Physical Education Department, students in grades 9 and 10 focused on an awareness of the health-related components of fitness by completing writing assignments on cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, and endurance. These quarterly reports are part of the "Writing Across the Curriculum" initiative at Oliver Ames High School.

Middle School students ran in the traditional "Muscato Mile" which was held at the high school stadium in November. Students also took advantage of the opportunity to participate in the annual Pine Oaks Golf Tournament.

The elementary program continued to focus on cooperative play and team building through the medium of physical activity. At the intermediate level, "Quidditch", an adaptation of lacrosse, was introduced in physical education class and was the main event at "Harry Potter Night". Field Day continues to be a highlight and culmination of the primary elementary physical education experience.

"Hoops for Heart" was conducted at all the elementary schools at the conclusion of basketball units. "Jump Rope for Heart" takes place at the primary schools when jump rope skills were introduced. These activities emphasized the importance of cardiovascular fitness and supported the American Heart Association.

In the World Language Department, fourteen students and their chaperone Mrs. McConnell traveled to Almeria, Spain as part of the exchange program. The group stayed with Spanish families, attended school with the host students and participated in several excursions including a trip to Granada. Before their arrival in Almeria, the group also had the opportunity to spend two days in Madrid. During this time they visited the Royal Palace, the Prado Museum, LaReina Sofia Museum, LaPlaza Mayor, LaPuerta del Sol, and other points of interest.

Students continued to achieve in the various languages. Ten students received special recognition for their performance on the National Latin Exam. Summa Cum Laude was awarded to Jocelyn Cheng; Maxima Cum Laude was awarded to Olivia Gonzalez, Jessica Cheng, and Jessica Neary; Magna Cum Laude was awarded to Kaitlyn Saulnier; Cum Laude was awarded to Carolyn Doty, Thaina Roman, Ryan Sousa, and Richie Wertz. Also, the following seniors were honored for their outstanding achievements in their language of study: Theresa Bruderer and Haley Kallfelz for French; Nicholas Calabraro, Derrick Cheng, Courtney Hargreaves for Spanish; Jessica Neary and Jocelyn O'Brien for Latin.

In the Business and Technology Department, a number of students were involved in Career Speaker Day in which speakers from a number of careers and occupations volunteered to meet with students, both in their classes and individually. In January 2012, fifty Oliver Ames High School students were among 500 other students from district schools who participated in the DECA District 2 Conference in Mansfield. They competed in role play cases analyses or presented written papers. Based on their successful performance at the districts, twenty OAHS students went on to compete at the 3-day state competition that was held in March at the Copley Marriott. Fifteen hundred students who had qualified for the conference from their respective districts, competed once again in their chosen event, attended a variety of business-related workshops and heard from guest speaker "Johnny Cupcakes" about his journey to becoming a successful entrepreneur. All students at the state level achieved awards for competency in their chosen competitive category. A new course in Entrepreneurship was added to the Business and Technology curriculum in September 2012. All students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship class will submit papers and make oral presentations at the 2013 DECA Conference.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, sewing students made quilts which were donated to Children's Hospital. Students continued to provide baked goods for H.U.G.S. and charity bake sales. The department altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, repaired American flags, and operated the OAHS "Fix-It-Shop". As part of the culinary activities, guest speakers from Johnson and Wales University were invited to address the students. The "Garden to Table" project continued as an interdisciplinary program with Project Opportunity students. An OAHS Food Club was formed this year to provide more students the opportunity to learn about food and nutrition.

In the Mathematics Department, students at the secondary level continued to score well above the norm in the state mandated MCAS exam, the SAT exam, and Advanced Placement exams. Led by Mrs. Porter-Meglio, the OAHS Mathematics Team (with students from geometry to calculus) earned one of the top awards in the American Scholastic Mathematics Association, where teams from across the United States competed to complete challenging problem solving-based tests. Senior recipients of the Oliver Ames Mathematics Achievement Award were Lianna Alteri and Courtney Hargreaves. Students on the Middle School Mathematics team, led by Mrs. Spillane, excelled in the EMS grade level competitions.

In the Science Department, Mrs. Brockman once again organized the Intermediate Science Olympiad at the F. L. Olmsted and H. H. Richardson Schools. Approximately two hundred Honors Chemistry students prepared and ran hands-on science activities for elementary students in grades 3-5. Over 850 elementary students participated in 36 activities. The activities focused on science processing and higher-level thinking skills which included graphing, extrapolation, measurement, estimation, inventing, communication, and inferring.

At the high school level, the Oliver Ames High School Science Team, under the supervision of coaches Ms. Annunziato and Mrs. Donahue, competed and earned a second place award in the regional Science Olympiad Competition. Under the supervision of Coaches Deborah Margarite and Ryan Mulcahy, the Envirothon Team competed in the State Envirothon Competition. Senior recipients of the Oliver Ames Science Achievement Award were Jessica Neary and Nick Blelloch.

In Social Studies, Middle School students participated in the annual Geography Bee. Hunter Daly, a sixth grade student, was the grand prize winner. The eighth graders were involved in the National History Day competition. Thirteen student teams went on to compete in four categories at the state level and several of those teams advanced to nationals which were held in Washington, D.C.

Students at the high school had a number of opportunities that extend learning beyond the classroom. Community Service, a program offered exclusively to seniors, enjoyed enrollment that included nearly the entire senior class. The International Travel Study program visited England and Ireland with 46 students from all grade levels. Jack Davis and alternate Sumaiya Zama represented OAHS at the annual Student Government Day. Other government related offerings included the Mock Trial program, the two-day Hockomock Senate simulation, the Washington, D.C. Close Up program, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy contest. Meghan Dunne, a junior, was the 2012 winner of this speech contest. Sophomore students, Susan Donahue and Genevieve Lamont, were awarded the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership award which is awarded to two deserving sophomores each year.

In the English Department, Mercedes Martin received the Charlene Howarth Award. Markus Ayasse, Brandon Griffin, and Courtney Hargreaves won the English Department's book awards. The majority of the junior class attended *The Glass Menagerie* at Bridgewater State University in the spring. Some of Mrs. Marani's junior class also took the opportunity to see *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* at the Huntington Theater in Boston. Mrs. Hadge's Humanities' class visited the Gardner Museum.

Middle school students were again involved in training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. This program is in its twenty-first year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving peer issues and conflicts. Also, a number of Oliver Ames High School students participated in the American Legion Girls State program in late spring and in the Boys State program that was held at Stonehill College in June.

At the middle school, Peer Assistant Leaders provided assistance for new students. In addition to providing information to grade 5 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools who would be moving to the middle school in September, students assisted at the afternoon and evening functions held at the middle school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed 81 new members into the society and undertook a number of individualized community service projects including HUGS II, Cradles to Crayons, New Jersey Hurricane Relief, and Adopt-A-Classroom.

An outgrowth of this involvement at the middle school is the student organization HANDS through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance, respecting others, and focusing on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society. Also, the middle school guidance staff continued to work closely with HUGS II in coordinating after-school programs that included enrichment as well as entertainment for middle school students. Programs and activities offered included sports activities, a homework club, a Kids Club, Earth Squad, the Math Team, Buddies Club, Writing Club, school newspaper, Yearbook, and student council.

In Grade 6, students traveled to the Museum of Science and Hockomock Area YMCA as team building activities that tie into the MA Curriculum Frameworks. Grade 7 students from the Orange, Blue and Purple Teams have engaged in field trips to Heifer International, Southwick Zoo, and The Hall at Patriot Place as part of cooperative learning exercises. In addition, Grade 8 students of the Green, Yellow and Red Teams work on team-building activities through field trips to Borderland State Park, Museum of Science, Rhode Island Zoological Society, Nessralla Farm, and the Wompatuck State Park.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the Safe Routes to School Program, the "Growing Up and Liking It" nights, the grade 5 National Geography Bee, and the annual school-wide art shows at the Richardson and Olmsted Schools.

Other elementary activities included ongoing community service endeavors: the Fire Prevention Program; the International Lions Club Peace Poster Contest; Portfolio Breakfasts; the Dr. Seuss' birthday reading celebration activities; Open Circle/Social Competency Programs; and, individual school programs for students included student councils, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, reading incentive programs, family math and literacy nights, and citizen of the month recognition.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

During the course of the year at Oliver Ames High School, more than fifty percent of the student body participated in athletics and approximately twenty five percent participated in music or drama. OAHS had 29 varsity, 13 junior varsity and 7 freshman teams. Additionally, the EMS fielded two soccer teams and four basketball teams.

Winter 2011-2012

The girls basketball team went 18-3 for the season and won the Hockomock Davenport Division championship and qualified for the state tournament. The boys basketball team qualified for the state tournament and advanced to the sectional semifinals. Both boys and girls track went undefeated and clinched their respective Hockomock titles and the girls went on to place 10th at the Class B Championships. Wrestling won the Hockomock Davenport championship and took 4th place in the South Sectional Tournament. Ice Hockey qualified for the state tournament and advanced to the sectional semifinal round.

Athletes receiving recognition for their achievements as Hockomock League All Stars were: Boys Basketball – Nick Bruha, Andrew Reardon; Girls Basketball – Candace Steadman, Catilyn Abela; Gymnastics – Corrine Paul; Hockey – Jim Tierney; Wrestling – Matt Harding, Tim Gover; Girls Indoor Track – Olivia Mileika, Emily Grotz, Laura Daley, Michaela Nichols; Boys Indoor Track – Sean Gorham; Girls Swimming – Haley Gula, Jacquey Gover, Candace Sheehan; Boys Swimming – Matt Bates, Harris Brenner, Chris Lockwood

Candace Steadman was named Enterprise Player of the Year; Sean Gorham, Enterprise Athlete of the Year; and Nick Bruha, Massachusetts Basketball Association South Region All Senior Team and achieved the 1000 point club. In the state swim/dive competition, Haley Gula placed 6th overall in the 100 breast stroke and 8th in the 200 individual medley, Matt Bates finished 11th in the 100 fly and Jacquey Gover finished 5th in diving.

Spring 2012

Softball, baseball, girls and boys track each won their respective Hockomock division titles. Baseball and softball both qualified for the state tournament with baseball advancing to the south sectional tournament final. Boys lacrosse received the Hockomock Sportsmanship award.

Athletes receiving recognition for their achievements as Hockomock League All Stars were: Baseball – Matt Harding, Dave Holmes; Girls Lacrosse – Krista Simonson; Boys Track – Drew Beck, Sean Gorham; Girls Track – Michaela Lievi, Laura Daley, Candace Steadman.

Fall 2012

Oliver Ames High School had an outstanding fall season with 425 athletes participating in 9 fall sports. Boys and girls cross country both went undefeated in the Hockomock Davenport Division, Boys soccer won the Hockomock Davenport and advanced to the sectional semi-finals, Girls soccer advanced to the sectional finals, field hockey advanced to the second round of the state tournament, and the golf team won the Hockomock Davenport, won the sectional tournament, and placed 5th at the state tournament.

Athletes receiving recognition for their achievements as Hockomock League All Stars were: Golf – Nick Carter; Volleyball – Rachel Namenson; Boys Cross Country – Dan Moverman, Connor Donovan, Cameron Gardner; Girls Cross Country - Megan Fitzgerald, Maggie Harding, Emily Newman; Field Hockey – Katie Eldemery, Jackie Healy; Football – Greg Cumming; Boys Soccer - Lucas Araujos, David Stapleton, Chris Goncalves, David McKinnon (league MVP); Girls soccer – Kendall Andrew, Kate Holleran, and Nicole Taylor

Kendall Andrew and David McKinnon were named Globe and Herald All-Scholastic, all Region and Enterprise Players of the Year. Additionally, David was recognized as an Eastern MA All-Star, All State, and All American.

In September, Oliver Ames was awarded the prestigious Hockomock Val Muscato All Sports Award for 2011-2012. This award recognizes the school ranked highest in overall performance versus Hockomock opponents across all sports. This success is a direct result of the fantastic support from parents, boosters, school administration, youth sports programs and the community.

The 2012-2013 Football Cheerleaders had the experience of a lifetime when they traveled to Orlando Florida during the December holiday break to participate in the half-time performance at a nationally televised college football game at the Russell Athletic Bowl featuring a match up between Virginia Tech and Rutgers University. Over 300 students from across the country took advantage of an invitation from the Worldstrides Heritage Performance Program and executed a routine under the direction of some of the best choreographers in the nation. The cheerleaders also made an appearance in the Macy's Universal Holiday Parade at Universal Studios.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Educational research continues to show that enhancing teacher effectiveness through professional development has a clear connection to student achievement. All Easton Public Schools' professional development programs and activities are linked to the district's school improvement initiatives. The members of the Easton Public Schools' professional staff continued to build on their knowledge by participating in a number of both in-house and off-site professional development programs. During the 2012 calendar year, forty percent of the teaching staff participated in coursework at area colleges and universities. Forty professional development workshop programs, many of which included multiple sessions, were conducted on site. These workshops included more than 1071 instances of staff participation, up from 952 in 2011. A tiered set of course offerings for working with second language learners was offered in order to develop continuous improvement towards expertise in this area. Twenty-seven educators participated in level one training; ten educators participated in level two training; and four educators participated in level three training.

As part of the Easton Public Schools' Mentor Program, all first and second year professional staff members received guidance and support from an assigned mentor. A total of forty-two staff members (mentors and protégés) worked together in our mentor program.

Response to Intervention, differentiated instruction, and effective use of technology were professional development goals at the elementary level. Consistent with elementary school improvement plans, administrators and educators worked together to increase their knowledge base regarding differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Using assessment data to drive instructional decisions was a related topic. Teachers in second and sixth grade participated in additional professional development to support the implementation of a new reading program. The Easton Middle School focused professional development time on the use of technology to enhance instruction and content area curriculum work. Oliver Ames High School began the year with a powerful presentation focusing on anti-bullying and professional development time was used to prepare the high school for the upcoming NEAS&C Accreditation Report.

CURRICULUM

Curriculum committees continued their work in providing leadership and direction regarding curriculum, instruction, professional development, and student learning initiatives. The following teachers and administrators co-chair the various committees: Art, Chair - Christine DiVirgilio; Curriculum Coordinating Council (CCC), Co-chairs - Cathy MacLeod and Nick Botelho; Early Childhood, Co-chairs - Teresa Davenport and Chris Getchell; Health, Chair - Kathy Kelly; Mathematics, Co-chairs – Nick Botelho, Mary Romans, and Shira Werb; Physical Education, Chair - Chris Power; Report Card, Co-chairs – Cathy MacLeod and Debra DiCenso; High School Science, Co-Chairs – Maria Annunziato and Nancy Donahue; Elementary Science Chair, Gary Mazzola; Social Studies, Co-chairs – Debra Salisbury and Donna Tobin; Standing Task Force on English Language Arts and Reading (STELAR), Gr. K-5 Co-chairs – Cathy MacLeod and Debra DiCenso, Gr. 6-12 Co-chairs – Joanne Coffman and Jeanne Baxter; Technology (ETTF), Co-chairs – Chris Getchell and Donna Davey; World Languages, Chair – Ron Riley.

These committees met monthly with a focus on identifying essential understandings based on the common core standards, grade level vertical alignment of essential understanding, and developing common assessments. A five-year plan guides the implementation of curriculum renewal and is connected to fiscal and professional development planning.

The Curriculum Coordinating Council (CCC), which is comprised of faculty, administrators, and school committee representatives, continues to review and approve all district curriculum documents prior to School Committee review and adoption.

MCAS 2012

Again, this year, Easton Public Schools' 2012 MCAS scores showed solid results throughout the district. Our results continue to exceed the State averages and compare quite favorably with scores of other districts across the Commonwealth. As one of many measures used in the district to measure student growth, the results are used to target areas where improvement is needed and identify areas where professional development is needed.

CONCLUSION

This year was again a time of significant change and transition within the school system. We continue to be extremely concerned about inadequate State Aid and the availability of appropriate resources to meet the expectations that we have for ourselves and our student population. We greatly appreciate the support of the Easton community, the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, and our various booster groups; the extraordinary efforts of F.E.E.E. and the S.A.F.E. organization; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Green
Superintendent of Schools

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Michael Pietrowski, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District consists of a four-year public high school and a post-secondary technical institute. The high school offers over 21 career majors to students from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater, and the Southeastern Technical Institute offers day and/or evening Practical Nurse, Medical Assistant, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) and Dental Assistant programs, as well as other part-time programs designed to meet the training needs of our community.

The mission of the Southeastern Regional School District is to Transform Students into Lifelong Learners.

The District School Committee is made up of ten dedicated individuals elected from the communities of Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater.

High School

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School is a 4-year public high school serving Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater.

Over 21 career majors are offered in preparation for life's challenges. Our rigorous academic curriculum alternates with challenging vocational and technical studies to help students realize their full learning potential. This integration of studies helps bridge the gap between theoretical and practical experience.

All core academic and vocational courses are taught by highly qualified teachers who hold Massachusetts licensure. To ensure that all courses are always aligned with the most updated state standards, each department takes part in a regular curriculum revision cycle and involves stakeholders from the school, experts in the field, and representatives from higher education on our advisory boards.

Upon completion of a 4-year vocational program, a student who has taken full advantage of both vocational and academic offerings will not only be skilled to enter the workforce in a specific trade but will also be prepared to enter a 4-year college.

Exploratory Program - The goal at Southeastern is to have students choose a career major that excites them about school and education. Recognizing the fact that many incoming students have not spent much time considering their future, we have developed a Freshman Exploratory Program which combines career counseling, career exploration, academic studies, and testing to help students make the right decision. Ninth grade applicants select several technical areas they wish to explore. The exploratory program will consist of examining many different program areas. Parents are encouraged to participate by asking their child about each program explored and by attending Freshman Parent Meetings.

Near the completion of the 9th grade, students will be asked to choose a career major. Every effort is made to place students in the career major that they choose. Acceptance into many programs is highly competitive, and students are ranked based on their effort, grades, behavior, and attendance. It is imperative that ninth grade students do well in all their classes, maintain nearly perfect attendance, and avoid behavioral issues. Students not getting their first choice will be assigned an alternate program and placed on a waiting list. All our programs prepare students for high-demand high-paying career fields.

SkillsUSA Massachusetts, in partnership with business and industry, provides opportunities for members to develop individually and improve teamwork, leadership and professional skills through education, training, service, and competition. SkillsUSA provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities. Competitions are held at the local, state and national levels.

2011—2012 SRVTS Career Centers

The Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School combines a rigorous academic curriculum with challenging vocational and technical studies to help students realize their full learning potential.

The schedule is designed to have students alternate between academic and technical coursework. This process promotes integration of studies and helps bridge the gap between theoretical and practical experience.

The hands-on approach to learning helps reconnect students to education, and provides the basis for life-long learning – an essential skill in today's highly competitive global market. Students may also participate in Cooperative Education, an educational program which develops partnerships between business, industry, and education to enable vocational students to enter the work force. Through this program, students gain valuable on-the-job training and employers benefit by acquiring workers who are trained in the basic skills necessary for their business.

Upon graduation from Southeastern, students have the choice of furthering their education in any two or four year institution or going directly into the workforce.

The programs offered at the Lifelong Learning Academy: Center for Transportation & Metalworking—Automotive Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Machine Technology and Metal Fabrication; Center for Health & Public Services—Business Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Education and Care, Health Services; Center for Building & Design—Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Construction, Electrical, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Plumbing.

The programs offered at the Innovation Academy: Center for Visual & Performing Arts--Visual Design and Photography, Graphic Communications, Performing Arts, Web Design and Animation; Center for Emerging Technologies--Environmental Engineering-Bio-Technology, Legal and Protective Services, Civil & Architectural Engineering, Electronics/Electrical Engineering, Computer Networking.

Academics

Southeastern Regional offers a full and rigorous series of academic classes comparable to any comprehensive school. A common misconception about vocational school academics is that they are "easier" because students are only here to learn a trade. In actuality, students who attend a vocational school who apply themselves are challenged more extensively than typical comprehensive school students because not only do vocational students have the opportunity to gain skills in a specific trade, but they will also be on track to attend a four-year college by working through academic courses.

Small Classes - Our very small class sizes afford all students the opportunity to be exposed to honors level content and assignments while working in an integrated classroom on the core curriculum expectations. Academics in a 21st century vocational school are developed to ensure that students who take full advantage of our offerings will have more opportunities for high level jobs and greater success in their future.

Committed Staff - The Academic Department Philosophy is that each teacher will strive to create and foster an environment that promotes students' confidence and their motivation to learn. The staff is committed to implementing our standards based curriculum (in alignment with the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) in order to adhere to a clear and rational structure through which students, teachers, and parents can assess mastery. To ensure academic rigor, Southeastern is committed to differentiated instruction and inclusive classrooms because all students have the right to be exposed to the same high level curriculum. The Southeastern community understands and respects that our students are 21st century learners. Along with implementing traditional reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills, we will continue to be in the educational forefront by accommodating individual student needs, by embracing technology, by fostering skills that will support success in vocational areas, and by making efforts to stay current in each field of expertise for the benefit of Southeastern students.

Students and teachers use an online writing tool called My Access! in both academic and vocational areas. It increases student confidence in writing and improves critical thinking skills. All teachers and courses are linked to Edline for students and parents to monitor grades and assignments at home.

Opportunity to Excel - Those who wish to go above and beyond the standards of the core curriculum by making the honors commitment in one or more academic courses have that opportunity available. Independently motivated learners may opt for Virtual High School and Advanced Placement, enrolling in a wide variety of core academic courses and creative electives at the Standard, Honors, Pre-Advanced Placement or Advanced Placement level.

Read 180 is a comprehensive reading intervention program that meets the needs of struggling readers. The Extended School Learning Day addresses student needs by offering programs in Academic Support, Sports and Enrichment and Life Skills.

Technical Institute

The Southeastern Technical Institute received a perfect review from the Council on Occupational Education, their new national accreditation agency, and received their maximum term of accreditation of six years.

The Mission of the Southeastern Technical Institute is to transform students into lifelong learners. The Mission and Goals are organized around four core philosophies; the Mastery of Foundation Skills, the Development of Interpersonal Skills, Proactive Student Engagement, and a commitment to Stretch Learning Initiatives.

In the past 43 years, the Southeastern Technical Institute has provided training in several vocational areas, constantly striving to meet the training needs of our students and area businesses. At present, the Technical Institute houses day and evening Practical Nurse programs, a Medical Assistant program, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program, and a Dental Assistant program. In addition, there are several evening part-time programs designed to meet the training needs of our community.

The STI participates in the Southeastern Regional School District's Program Advisory Committee, advising, assisting and supporting school personnel to improve planning, operation and evaluation of a program area, based on adequate and timely information as to workforce and job development demands or job market trends, technological developments, training alternatives and other factors affecting the quality of the program.

The Day Programs offered by STI are Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Practical Nurse and HVAC.

The Evening Programs offered are computer programs, drivers' education, enrichment classes, Health Claims, Medical classes, PC Specialists and Practical Nurse.

Easton Highlights

October 1, 2011 Enrollment: 60 Students
FY2012 Assessment: $731,211
High School Graduates (14): Barraclough, Zackary; Clements, Ian; Coleman, Alicia; Goddard, Ryan; Grogan, Kyle; Hooper, Julia; Jennings, Jacob; McSherry, Eric; Michael, Eric; Morris, Nicholas; Richardson, Jonathan; Robinson, James; Simpson, Ashley; Williams, Matthew

Technical Institute Graduates (5): Heather Holmes; Stephen Ierardo; Nikki McDonnell; Tracey Petitto; Stacey Wluka

May 29, 2012—Alicia Coleman named Top Easton Student

Health Services major Alicia Coleman was Easton's top student, holding the highest grade point average from her community. Alicia already has employment experience in her field. She worked as a Home Health Aid after school and weekends. How did her major at Southeastern play a part in her success? "My Health Services classes prepared me. I got my Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Home Health Aid (HHA) certifications in my junior year."

April 24, 2012—Southeastern Senior to be Honored by Easton Lions Club
Jacob Jennings received one of 16 Recognition Awards given to Easton residents who have made significant contributions to their community. The Environmental Science major is one of three young people to receive an award as an outstanding youth. He will be honored for his many contributions, including his Eagle Scout Sheep Pasture Project, his community and his school.

April 13, 2012—Easton Historical Society holds "Chowder and Chatter" at Southeastern's Colonial Room
The Easton Historical Society thanked Chef Kfoury, Baker Berry and their students for a special evening in the Colonial Room enjoying delicious chowders, clam fritters, cornbread, cookies, beverages and excellent services.

Hazel L. Varella, Secretary of the Society noted that the "students were extremely professional in their quiet manners, seriousness of purpose and commitment. Our Chowder and Chatter at your school is always the highlight of our year…"

March 27, 2012—Easton Teacher Ready to Take on World
"The TGC program has truly opened my eyes to the opportunities that exist to 'globalize' one's classroom. These range from how we use technology to encouraging students to ask questions that yield different perspectives on the things happening in their world today. I hope that sharing my experience of traveling to Ukraine will inspire them to see the world as an interconnected place," noted Mr. Kelley.

Mr. Kelley is also building a toolkit for use at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School, containing resources for teachers to incorporate global competencies, technology and projects within the classroom as well as connections with classrooms in other countries.

Through his unique professional development experience with the TGC, Mr. Kelley's students and colleagues will continue to prepare SRVTHS students succeed in an increasingly global world.

Report of the Town Collector
for the Year Ending June 30, 2012

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2011	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Tranfers to Tax Title	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2012
Personal Property						
Prior Years	1,910	-	-	-	-	1,910
2004	2,085	-	-	-	-	2,085
2005	6,877	-	-	-	-	6,877
2006	5,791	-	-	-	(59)	5,850
2007	5,422	-	-	-	(391)	5,813
2008	5,659	-	-	-	(11)	5,670
2009	8,935	-	-	-	51.51	8,883
2010	16,538	-	-	-	4,189	12,349
2011	18,906	-	-	-	4,453	14,453
2012	-	803,083	12,839	-	782,152	8,092
	$ 72,123	$ 803,083	$ 12,839	$ -	$ 790,385	$ 71,981
Real Estate						
Prior Years	520	-	-	-	-	520
2006	(1,254)	-	-	-	2,894	(4,148)
2007	58	-	-	-	-	58
2008	-	-	-	-	-	-
2009	(6,761)	-	-	-	(46)	(6,715)
2010	1,717	-	5,749	-	5,797	(9,830)
2011	630,876	51,373	17,032	217,445	447,725	47
2012	-	43,371,881	289,379	331,158	42,182,391	568,953
	$ 625,155	$ 43,423,254	$ 312,160	$ 548,602	$ 42,638,762	$ 548,885
Motor Vehicle Excise						
Prior years	67,995	-	-	-	85	67,910
2004	14,157	-	-	-	88	14,070
2005	10,875	-	-	-	471	10,404
2006	13,667	-	-	-	495	13,172
2007	22,829	-	-	-	1,242	21,587
2008	27,280	-	-	-	4,162	23,118
2009	38,945	-	1,150	-	11,037	26,758
2010	53,681	154	1,887	-	22,910	29,037
2011	133,126	307,591	35,986	-	357,133	47,598
2012	-	2,753,919	102,381	-	2,451,175	200,364
	$ 382,555	$ 3,061,664	$ 141,404	$ -	$ 2,848,799	$ 454,016
Trash User Fees						
2008	(77)	-	260	-	(273)	(64)
2009	19,199	-	1,170	16,128	1,130	771
2010	30,644	-	2,068	25,109	3,096	371
2011	57,063	3,488	3,194	-	32,787	24,570
2012	130,629	624,337	7,556	-	689,905	57,506
	$ 237,458	$ 627,825	$ 14,248	$ 41,236	$ 726,645	$ 83,153
Water Rates and Services	$ 224,393	$ 2,808,969	$ -	$ 156,753	$ 2,657,489	$ 219,120

Report of the Town Treasurer
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Bank Accounts	Balance June 30, 2011	+ Receipts	-Payments	Balance June 30, 2012
Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds	**$ 21,207,333.00**	**$ 86,703,227.43**	**$ 91,208,481.86**	**$ 16,702,078.57**
Trust Funds				
Stabilization Fund	$ 884,692.13	$ 13,116.63	$ 70,252.10	$ 827,556.66
Capital Stabilization Fund	$ 402,221.43	$ 6,263.62	$ -	$ 408,485.05
300th Anniversary Trust	$ 10,000.00	$ 14.67	$ -	$ 10,014.67
Affordable Housing Truat	$ 562,309.51	$ 209,677.73	$ 64,752.64	$ 707,234.60
Conservation Fund	$ 445,956.16	$ 834.47	$ 196,570.14	$ 250,220.49
Unemployment Compensation	$ 30,009.02	$ 61.72	$ 10,477.15	$ 19,593.59
Police Forefeiture Account	$ 7,889.93	$ 9.82	$ 7,729.99	$ 169.76
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	$ 7,445.33	$ 182.48	$ 1,294.36	$ 6,333.45
OAHS Naming Campaign	$ 123,896.12	$ 20,981.73	$ -	$ 144,877.85
Mary Stone Library Fund	$ 6,377.37	$ 44.85	$ -	$ 6,422.22
Subtotal	**$ 2,480,797.00**	**$ 251,187.72**	**$ 351,076.38**	**$ 2,380,908.34**
Scholarship Funds				
Ellen Atwood	$ 2,380.62	$ 16.74	$ -	$ 2,397.36
Parker Ames	$ 121,498.14	$ 25,442.79	$ 24,394.02	$ 122,546.91
Mary A. Stone	$ 7,055.12	$ 49.63	$ -	$ 7,104.75
World War Memorial	$ 48,785.07	$ 6,726.67	$ 8,000.00	$ 47,511.74
Young	$ 3,568.01	$ 25.09	$ -	$ 3,593.10
Subtototal	**$ 183,286.96**	**$ 32,260.92**	**$ 32,394.02**	**$ 183,153.86**
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds				
Furnace Village Cemetery	$ 23,568.58	$ 162.62	$ 838.71	$ 22,892.49
Pine Grove Cemetery	$ 7,301.93	$ 50.23	$ 300.00	$ 7,052.16
Immaculate Conception	$ 8,755.93	$ 61.58	$ -	$ 8,817.51
South Easton	$ 11,404.61	$ 80.21	$ -	$ 11,484.82
Unionville & Town Cemeteries	$ 15,273.10	$ 105.37	$ 549.93	$ 14,828.54
Subtotal	**$ 66,304.15**	**$ 460.01**	**$ 1,688.64**	**$ 65,075.52**
Total Cash	**$ 23,937,721.11**	**$ 86,987,136.08**	**$ 91,593,640.90**	**$ 19,331,216.29**

TOWN OF EASTON, MASS.
INCORPORATED 1725

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - June 30, 2011			**$1,872,650.29**
Additions:			
New Tax Takings	$	**548,602.44**	
Deductions:			
Redemptions:	$	**545,677.08**	
Foreclosures	$	146,601.91	
Balance - June 30, 2012			**$1,728,973.74**

Annual Report of the Town Treasurer/Collector
Debt Statement

FY2012

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2011	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2012	Interest Paid in FY2012
Buildings	455,000.00		55,000.00	400,000.00	13,925.00
Departmental Equipment	620,000.00		153,000.00	467,000.00	15,428.00
School Buildings	21,005,000.00		1,075,000.00	19,930,000.00	864,481.00
School - All Other	1,170,000.00		102,000.00	1,068,000.00	44,165.00
Sewer	427,321.00	302,000.00	96,185.00	633,136.00	10,758.00
Solid Waste	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inside	3,204,000.00		376,000.00	2,828,000.00	124,541.00

SUB - TOTAL Inside	$26,881,321.00	$302,000.00	$1,857,185.00	$25,326,136.00	$1,073,298.00

Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2011	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2012	Interest Paid in FY2012
Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Electric Utility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	9,035,000.00	0.00	1,315,000.00	7,720,000.00	381,663.00
Sewer	60,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	1,800.00
Solid Waste	2,786,000.00	0.00	299,000.00	2,487,000.00	111,420.00
Water	2,035,000.00	0.00	510,000.00	1,525,000.00	72,711.00
Other Outside	68,691.00	0.00	7,709.00	60,982.00	3,599.00

SUB - TOTAL Outside	$13,984,691.00	$0.00	$2,161,709.00	$11,822,982.00	$571,193.00

TOTAL Long Term Debt	$40,866,012.00	$302,000.00	$4,018,894.00	$37,149,118.00	$1,644,491.00

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2011	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2012	Interest Paid in FY2012
RANs - Revenue Anticipation				0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings	0.00	215,000.00	0.00	215,000.00	0.00
School Buildings	3,000,000.00	275,000.00	3,000,000.00	275,000.00	19,063.00
Sewer				0.00	
Water	0.00	710,100.00	0.00	710,100.00	0.00
Other BANs	0.00	3,905,000.00	0.00	3,905,000.00	0.00
SANs - State Grant Anticipation				0.00	
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				0.00	
Other Short Term Debt				0.00	

TOTAL Short Term Debt	$3,000,000.00	$5,105,100.00	$3,000,000.00	$5,105,100.00	$19,063.00

GRAND TOTAL All Debt	$43,866,012.00	$5,407,100.00	$7,018,894.00	$42,254,218.00	$1,789,756.00

Authorized and Unissued Debt

Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2012
Library	09/07/06	4	700,000.00	664,000.00	36,000.00
Septic WMPAT	05/11/98	60	200,000.00	137,657.00	62,343.00
Water Addition	06/04/01	8	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
Library Access Rd	05/20/02	12	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
School	01/13/03	22	66,000,000.00	65,527,784.00	472,216.00
Water Tank	06/12/06	28	600,000.00	600,000.00	0.00
Capital Improvements	05/21/07	23	425,000.00	425,000.00	0.00
School Boilers	05/19/08	11	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00
Water Main	10/05/09	3	500,000.00	400,000.00	100,000.00
Wastewater Facility	04/05/10	3	1,560,000.00	60,000.00	1,500,000.00
Departmental Equipment	05/17/10	10	555,000.00	555,000.00	0.00
Dam	05/17/10	10	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Wastewater Facility	05/16/11	10	4,860,000.00		251,001.00
Septic System	05/16/11	13	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
Land Acquisition	05/16/11	26	2,375,000.00		2,375,000.00
Water Main Replacement	05/16/11	27	985,000.00		985,000.00
Street Reconstruction	05/16/11	27	900,000.00		900,000.00
Building Improvement	05/16/11	27	230,000.00		230,000.00
Departmental Equipment	05/16/11	27	410,000.00		410,000.00
Building Improvement - Fire	05/16/11	27	215,000.00		215,000.00
Ground Water Planning	02/06/12	7	110,100.00		110,100.00
Fire Deprt Defibrillators	05/21/12	29	60,000.00		60,000.00
Fire Department Radios	05/21/12	29	30,000.00		30,000.00
DPW Lincoln St Roadway	05/21/12	29	225,000.00		225,000.00
DPW Sidewalk Snow Plow	05/21/12	29	165,000.00		165,000.00
Water Main Replacement	05/21/12	29	250,000.00		250,000.00
Middle School Roof Repair	05/21/12	20	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00
Septic System Repairs	05/21/12	31	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00
					$11,676,660.00

SUB - TOTAL from additional sheet(s)	$0.00

TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt	$11,676,660.00

Short Term Debt Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2011	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2012	Interest Paid in FY2012
February 23,2011 BAN - School	3,000,000.00	0.00	3,000,000.00	0.00	19,063.00
August 26 2011 BAN		275,000.00	0.00	275,000.00	

August 26 2011 BAN		400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00	
August 26 2011 BAN		2,375,000.00	0.00	2,375,000.00	
August 26 2011 BAN		900,000.00	0.00	900,000.00	
August 26 2011 BAN		215,000.00	0.00	215,000.00	
August 26 2011 BAN		200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	
August 26 2011 BAN		100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	
May 10 2012 BAN		300,000.00	0.00	300,000.00	
May 10 2012 BAN		230,000.00	0.00	230,000.00	
May 10 2012 BAN		110,100.00	0.00	110,100.00	
				0.00	
TOTAL	3,000,000.00	5,105,100.00	3,000,000.00	5,105,100.00	19,063.00

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, which includes the combined balance sheet as of that date and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund equity.

The office of the Town Accountant is responsible for the accounting and control of all town funds, disbursements, and financial records in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and by-laws of the Town of Easton. In addition, responsibilities include maintenance of the Town's general ledger system including detailed records of cash receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the closing of all financial books at the end of the fiscal year. The Town Accountant prepares financial statements and reports, assists in the preparation of the Town budget and works with the independent auditors on the annual financial and compliance audit. Our annual audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts.

I would like to thank my assistant, Adilia Collazo and principal clerk, Peg Horne for their hard work and dedication to the Town. I would also like to thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

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TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 2012

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	6,375,518	6,925,695	359,684	1,561,511	4,112,254	-	19,334,662
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	582,598	8,374	-	-	-	-	590,972
Personal property taxes	71,956	-	-	-	-	-	71,956
Tax liens and foreclosures	1,706,438	16,628	-	-	-	-	1,723,066
Utility user charges receivable	-	-	-	524,753	-	-	524,753
Utility liens	-	-	-	13,589	-	-	13,589
Betterments	-	28,517	-	130,576	-	-	159,093
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	454,011	-	-	-	-	-	454,011
Departmental and other	1,197,369	23,321	-	1,535	-	-	1,222,225
Intergovernmental	51,353	-	421,760	-	-	-	473,113
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(302,846)	-	-	-	-	-	(302,846)
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-	-	153,619,379	153,619,379
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations	-	-	-	-	-	38,080,934	38,080,934
Total Assets	10,136,397	7,002,535	781,444	2,231,964	4,112,254	191,700,313	215,964,907
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	1,018,831	-	-	-	-	-	1,018,831
Accrued liabilities	730,652	-	-	465	-	-	731,117
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	3,709,526	76,840	421,760	670,453	-	-	4,878,579
Tax refunds payable	963	-	-	-	-	-	963
Other liabilities	245,982	37,535	-	-	914,067	-	1,197,584
Notes payable	-	2,375,000	2,130,100	600,000	-	-	5,105,100
General long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	38,080,934	38,080,934
Total Liabilities	5,705,954	2,489,375	2,551,860	1,270,918	914,067	38,080,934	51,013,108
Fund Equity:							
Retained earnings:							
Reserved	-	-	-	232,625	-	-	232,625
Unreserved	-	-	-	728,421	-	-	728,421
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	125,032	-	-	-	-	-	125,032
Reserved for continuing appropriations	692,751	(2,347,673)	-	-	-	-	(1,654,922)
Reserved for expenditures	1,171,900	1,155,798	-	-	-	-	2,327,698
Reserved for nonexpendable trust principal	-	-	-	-	74,446	-	74,446
Reserved for unexpended exempt debt	2,682	-	-	-	-	-	2,682
Reserved for petty cash	600	-	-	-	-	-	600
Unreserved:							
Designated for snow & ice deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Undesignated	2,437,478	5,705,035	(1,770,416)	-	3,123,741	153,619,379	163,115,217
Total Fund Equity	4,430,443	4,513,160	(1,770,416)	961,046	3,198,187	153,619,379	164,951,799
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	10,136,397	7,002,535	781,444	2,231,964	4,112,254	191,700,313	215,964,907

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues							
Property taxes	43,870,019	947,373	-	-	-	-	44,817,392
Excise taxes	2,853,547	-	-	-	-	-	2,853,547
Penalties, interest & fines	334,277	-	-	52,438	-	-	386,715
Licenses, permits and fees	1,872,486	-	-	-	-	-	1,872,486
Investment income	31,937	99,178	-	18,243	30,494	-	179,852
Departmental	-	2,759,930	-	-	-	-	2,759,930
Intergovernmental - state	12,403,488	1,242,685	3,292,398	9,673	-	-	16,948,244
Intergovernmental - federal	2,670	2,026,863	-	-	-	-	2,029,533
User charges	-	-	-	3,602,792	-	-	3,602,792
Other	1,372,784	973,604	-	7,762	17,274	-	2,371,424
	62,741,208	8,049,633	3,292,398	3,690,908	47,768	-	77,821,915
Expenditures							
General government	12,593,087	10,635,069	187,488	-	75,028	-	23,490,672
Public safety	7,390,395	792,580	278,135	-	1,640	-	8,462,750
Education	33,096,859	4,112,875	31,239	-	74,128	-	37,315,101
Public works	2,527,170	91,650	1,708,914	798,570	-	-	5,126,304
Water	-	-	-	1,614,856	-	-	1,614,856
Human services	689,037	180,527	20,000	-	-	-	889,564
Culture and recreation	460,031	233,964	-	-	-	-	693,995
Debt service	4,897,226	111,125	-	664,187	-	-	5,672,538
State and county assessments	687,336	-	-	-	-	-	687,336
Capital outlay	245,341	-	-	384,639	-	-	629,980
	62,586,482	16,157,790	2,225,776	3,462,252	150,796	-	84,583,096
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	154,726	(8,108,157)	1,066,622	228,656	(103,028)	-	(6,761,181)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Proceeds from long-term borrowing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	410,612	(772,451)	118,078	(547,753)	791,514		-
	410,612	(772,451)	118,078	(547,753)	791,514	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	565,338	(8,880,608)	1,184,700	(319,097)	688,486	-	(6,761,181)
Beginning fund equity	3,865,105	13,393,768	(2,955,116)	1,280,143	2,509,701	153,619,379	171,712,980
Ending fund equity	4,430,443	4,513,160	(1,770,416)	961,046	3,198,187	153,619,379	164,951,799

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Department	Cap Planning Priority Ranking	Brief Description of Item	Initial Fiscal Year of Request	FY 2013 Requested	FY 2013 Funded (1)
Fire	1	2 Lifepak Defibrillators	10/16/2006	$62,000	$62,000
Fire	2	Radio / Communication Equipment	11/1/1995	$30,000	$30,000
Police	3	2 marked police cruisers	annual	$66,000	$66,000
Police	4	Evidence Management System	FY13	$9,000	$9,000
DPW	5	Snow Plow Machine with Planing Attachment	10/25/2011	$165,600	$165,600
Information Technology	6	Annual replacement of servers, computers, routers and switches. $25,000 for computers and $5,000 for the more critical servers, switches and storage array equipment.		$30,000	$30,000
School	7	Technology - ***Committee Recommends Funding for Computers and Switch Replacement.***	10/15/2010	$218,423	$105,000
Planning & CD	8	Large Format Printer/Copier	FY 13	$7,500	$7,500
DPW	9	Truck F-700 and Chasis for crane	9/15/2007	$70,000	$15,000
DPW (Town Ofices)	10	Repoint Bricks and seal building and chimneys. ***Note: The Community Preservation Committee voted to fund this project with Community Preservation Funds. Funding for this project will be appropriated as part of the Community Preservation budget, rather than the capital budget.***	10/25/2011	$100,000	
DPW	11	***Committee Recommends Funding a total of $225,000 for Lincoln St. Roadway Improvements***. Cold Plane and Overlay Lincoln Street	10/7/2008	$225,000	$225,000
DPW		Lincoln Street Sidewalk from Mahoney Rd. to Bay Road	10/25/2011	$225,000	
School (Parkview Elementary)	12	Replace Roof - ***Committee Recommends Deferral Until Funding Status with MSBA is Known. Request modified on 3-13-12 to $15,000 for roof repairs to extend life for several years and Committee recommended.***	3/13/2006	$664,000	$15,000
School	13	Installtion of New Lights for Walking Path at School Complex. ***Committee did not recommend request on 2/9/12 due to cost in relation to other capital needs. Request was scaled down and modified to $25,030 on 3-13-12 and Committee recommended.***	10/15/2011	$46,350	$25,030
School	14	Replace Middle School Roof (up to 50.16% MSBA Reimbursement)	4/1/2012	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Water	O	Replace vehicle #131 F-150 Pickup		$20,000	$20,000
Water	O	Replace vehicle #124 F-250 Utility Truck		$36,000	$36,000
Water	O	Replace vehicle #129 F-450 Dump Truck w/plow		$51,000	$51,000
Water	O	Water Main Replacement Program		$250,000	$250,000
School (Moreau Hall Elementary)	NR	Replace 2 existing boilers - ***Committee Recommends Deferral Until Funding Status with MSBA is Known.***	3/13/2001	$305,000	
DPW	NR	Recarpet offices and replace flooring	3/13/2001	$10,000	
DPW (Fire St 3)	NR	Re-carpet station.	3/13/2001	$10,000	
DPW	NR	New Plotter/Printer for Mapping	10/25/2011	$10,500	
DPW	NR	Sweeper - (replace 1984 Elgin Pelican)	9/15/2007	$192,900	
DPW	NR	Route 138 / Elm Street Intersection Improvements Design	10/15/2009	$175,000	
DPW (Police/Fire Station)	NR	Repave Parking Lot	3/13/2001	$45,000	
Police	NR	Unmarked cruiser		$25,000	
DPW	NR	Utility Van- (replace 1995 Ford Cube Van)	10/25/2011	$40,000	
TOTALS				**$4,589,273**	**$2,612,130**

(1) Funded or borrowing authorized at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 21, 2012.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

NR - Not recommended at this time.
O - Other Source of funding such as water surplus, request recommend but not included in priority ranking order.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee's primary functions are as follows:

1. Make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the selection of, and scope of services for, an independent auditor.
2. Review the annual financial statements and management reports prepared by the independent auditor and make recommendations with respect thereto.
3. Make recommendations for areas of operations where expanded scope audits or review of the internal controls may be appropriate.
4. Review and make recommendations with respect to the Town's financial management practices and controls; through the Town Administrator, review with the appropriate boards and departments opportunities to improve such practices and controls.
5. Report to the Board of Selectmen on the status of recommendations the Committee and/or independent auditor has made during the preceding twelve (12) months.

To that end, the Committee met one (1) time during the year ended December 31, 2012. During the year, the Committee was comprised of one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen, one (1) member of the Finance Committee, one (1) member of the School Committee, and two (2) at-large members. The Town's Accountant, Wendy Nightingale, also attended the meeting.

The focus of the Audit Committee's meeting was to review the Independent Auditors' Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 and the Management Comments for the same period. The Committee also kept apprised of the status of the on-going audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. As of December 31, 2012, the Committee had not received the draft of the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

During 2012, the term for Mr. Michael Ferrara, Secretary, expired. The Committee is grateful to Michael for his years of dedicated service.

The current members and officers of the Town of Easton Audit Committee are as follows:

- Brenda DeCosta, Chair, Member-at-Large
- Donna Abelli, Vice Chair, appointed by the School Committee
- Daniel Murphy, appointed by the Board of Selectmen
- Jay Pike, Member-at-Large

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda DeCosta

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012 was made by Melanson Heath and Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Overview
The Department of Public Works is responsible for the overall operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of the Town's infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, water, drainage, municipal buildings, traffic control devices, fields, and trees. The Department is comprised of the Administration Division, Water Division, Highway Division, and Buildings and Grounds Division.

Management
David Field, P.E., Director of Public Works
Maurice Goulet, DPW Operations Manager
Jack Marsh, Water Operations Manager
Jay Conceison, Highway Supervisor
John Fresh, Water System Supervisor
*Paul O'Neill, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor (Retired 6/30/2012)

The Administration, Highway, and Buildings and Grounds Divisions are located at 130 Center Street. The Water Division is located at 417 Bay Road.

Activities and Projects
The DPW coordinated with MassDOT on the Five Corners Project in an effort to complete the project. We attended meetings with the MassDOT Resident Engineer, meetings with the utility companies to discuss pole relocations, and meetings on paving. In addition to these meetings DPW worked with Alliance Energy to secure a right of entry to complete some grading and paving of the Mobil driveway and coordinated with the DPW Staff to have our municipal fiber optic line relocated. Paving and line striping was completed in July. In October we participated in the final inspection of the project and to date a majority of the punch list items have been completed.

DPW has been working with the Planning Department and the Town Administrator to advance the North Easton Revitalization Project. DPW has attended many meetings with utility companies, our design consultants, stakeholders, and the Historical Society to discuss various aspects of the project. Over this past year the project has gone from conceptual design to 25% design.

DPW has also been coordinating the design and permitting of the North Easton Village Infrastructure Project with our design consultants Woodard & Curran. DPW attended over 20 meetings on this project over the past year including hearings with the Conservation Commission, meetings with property owners on easements, and internal design meetings. Bids for the construction of the sewer and water lines were opened on September 19th. The construction of the project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2013.

On 4/21/2012 the DPW hosted Hazardous Waste Day and the 6th Annual Roadside Cleanup Day.

On 4/28/2012 the Water Division hosted its 28th Annual Open House.

On 5/8/2012 the Easton Water Division was honored at the 2012 Public Water System Awards Ceremony at the Waterworks Museum in Boston.

On May 15th DPW participated in the Pakistani Exchange visit which included several meetings and an in-depth tour and discussion of DPW facilities.

During 2013 the DPW worked on the development of the Pavement Management System. We have had several meeting with our consultant, BETA Group, to review the data and customize the system. Inspection of the roads occurred in May and June, and the installation of the final software and data package took place in August. The system is now operational and being used to prioritize future roadwork and budget needs.

DPW began exploring the possibility of purchasing utility owned streetlights as well as a future LED upgrade project. DPW coordinated several meetings with National Grid and streetlight contractors, and attended meetings with the Board of Selectmen, the Capital Expenditures Committee, and the Finance Committee leading up to Town Meeting in November. In December, bids were advertised for a contractor to operate and maintain the 1,450 streetlights to be purchased in January 2013. It is estimated that owning and maintaining the streetlights will result in an annual savings of $75,000.

Bids were opened for the construction of a new salt shed on 6/7/2012. Unfortunately bids were significantly higher than anticipated and the project is on hold pending further review of capital needs and priorities.

DPW began working with our consultant Woodard & Curran to develop specifications and bid documents for an emergency generator for Town Hall. DPW utilized the bid documents and took care of all bidding and contract administration. Bids for the project were opened on July 25th. The project was awarded to American Electrical Construction. A pre-construction conference was held on September 20th and construction was substantially completed in December.

DPW began the process of getting project approval from MassDOT for the Depot Street improvement project. We met with MassDOT and the Board of Selectmen to get support for the project. MassDOT approved the project in November. We are now working with our design engineers, BETA Group, to advance this project and eventually get funding to construct this $5 million project through the State Transportation Improvement Program.

The DPW completed the repaving of Holmes Street, Linden Street, Pleasant Street, and King Avenue as part of the completion of the water main project in that area. The existing asphalt was reclaimed, the road graded, and two courses of asphalt installed. The project was completed in July.

DPW attended several meetings on the Landfill Solar project, and was involved in the permitting process on behalf of the Town. We also attended the MEPA Site Walk in October. The Town and Borrego Solar received approval from DEP on the Post Closure Use Permit application in December clearing the way for the construction of a 1.86 MW photovoltaic system at the landfill. Construction is anticipated to begin in January and be completed in late spring/early summer.

The Traffic Safety Committee (comprised of DPW, Police, and Fire) reviewed and made subsequent recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on five matters. As part of the review of these matters the DPW deployed traffic counters at multiple locations and prepared detailed reports of those findings. DPW also attended several Board of Selectmen meetings to discuss those findings.

The DPW completed the paving of Union Street following water and utility work on a portion of that road. We coordinated with the Easton Police, Brockton Police, Brockton DPW, School Department (busses), and residents to set up a detour route through Easton and Brockton to accommodate the paving and closure of Union Street which impacted approximately 7,000 vehicles per day. DPW completed the paving, line striping, and guardrail replacement in October.

DPW was involved with the permitting and attended several site meetings on the Safe Routes to School project and reviewed submittals for the project.

As part of the Middle School roof replacement project through MSBA, DPW attended several meetings with the designer, project manager, and Municipal Building Committee.

DPW attended and participated in two (2) public meetings regarding the OCPC Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Study.

On October 29th Hurricane Sandy impacted Easton and caused moderate tree damage resulting in power loss and road closures. The DPW was fully deployed both as part of the Emergency Operations Center and as first responders clearing debris and leading the cleanup effort. DPW staff put in 709 man-hours during the storm and cleared 76 trees. DPW also opened up a temporary debris collection site at the closed landfill for residents to dispose of storm related debris.

DPW attended a kickoff meeting for the upcoming Citizens Connect work order program. The public facing program and mobile application is scheduled to be up and running in March 2013.

The DPW completed the installation of the new boilers at Town Hall as part of the Green Communities grant funding. This required a significant amount of work from the HVAC Technician and Electrician.

DPW met with MassDOT to discuss the closure of the West Chestnut Street Bridge in West Bridgewater and the potential impacts of a detour route through Easton. We will continue to work with MassDOT to mitigate any potential impacts relating to the proposed construction.

The DPW

Some of the other projects that the DPW has been involved with this year include:

- Street Acceptance Inspections – Tanglewood Estates
- Chestnut Street Field inspections
- DPW Vehicle Inventory
- Lincoln Street sidewalk design
- DPW Buildings and Grounds Restructuring
- Geographic Information System Planning and Improvements
- Green Communities Grant administration

I would like to thank all of the employees of the Department of Public Works for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. In addition, I would like to thank the staff of the Administration Division, Jan Jacobson, Adrienne Edwards, and Maurice Goulet, as well as Water Operations Manager Jack Marsh for helping to make my transition to the Town of Easton as smooth as possible. I would also like to recognize the hard work of all of the division supervisors, John Fresh, Paul O'Neill, and Jay Conceison.

*Finally, I would like to congratulate Paul O'Neill, Tree Warden/Buildings & Grounds Supervisor on his retirement and thank him for his 38 years of dedicated service to the Town of Easton.

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIVISION

DPW Operations: The Operations Division of the DPW, consisting of the Highway and Building and Grounds (including Fleet maintenance, Tree personnel, and Solid Waste and Recycling) are involved with many projects to improve the town's infrastructure as well as the town's aesthetic character. Each year we face a variety of new challenges in which our staff responds to, with great effort and determination.

** We welcome David J. Field, P.E. as our new Director of Public Works, who took over the job in February. David comes to us from the town of Dedham MA. We wish him much luck in his new endeavors here and he can expect the utmost cooperation and support from this Division. **

Highway Department: The Highway Department conducted a GPS drainage layer inventory for the GIS consisting of catch basins, manholes, and culverts. Over 4400 structures were located and documented for future maintenance and improvements. Due to the unseasonably mild winter temperatures, over 1400 catch basins were cleaned, and streetsweeping and flail mowing began ahead of schedule. Some notable drainage improvements were realized on Depot Street, Union Street, Olde Farm Road, Sheridan Street, and Lincoln Street. Reclamation and paving was done on multiple streets including Holmes, Linden, Pleasant, King Ave. and Union Street. The concrete sidewalk on Bridge Street was reconstructed utilizing only Highway personnel. This Department has begun to refurbish some of the older vehicles that have shown signs of corrosiveness due to past, harsh winters. This type of restoration, to a few more vehicles, will continue into the coming year. Some of their other notable tasks include pothole patching, roadside flail mowing, streetsweeping, catchbasin cleaning, snowplowing, sanding, sign installations and replacements, town-wide fleet vehicle maintenance, berm installation, and gravel filling. We would also like to welcome to the Highway Department, our two newest Special Equipment Operators, John Cuzzi and Richard Gill.

Building and Grounds Department: One of the biggest events of the year was the emergency response to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Sandy. This Department responded to over 65 locations of downed trees and debris across roadways when the storm hit and then spent the next several days cutting, chipping and removing these obstructions from the sides of the roadways. The HVAC Technician, Mike Gammons, with the assistance of the Town Electrician, Steve Legendre, changed out the boiler system at the Town Offices (in-house) and replaced it with a new, efficient system as well as changing out the Police Station's rooftop unit (in-house) which collectively, saved the Town thousands of dollars. This department also handles many of the maintenance tasks of the school and other town buildings such as electrical, HVAC, craftsman projects that include minor construction and the fields and cemetery upkeep. Some of the other responsibilities of the department include voting set-ups, field lining for sporting events, clean-ups, stump grinding, graduation set-ups and coordination, and chipping and brush cutting.

Solid Waste and Recycling Program: The Solid Waste and Recycling Program has grown to over 3200 subscribers. Each year this program gains more and more support from the residents of the community. With bi-weekly single stream recycling and bulky item pickups twice a year, the Town's trash program has shown tremendous advancements. A special thanks is given to Jan Jacobson for her continued excellence in customer service, leading to the success of this program.

This Division's utmost appreciation is extended to Paul O'Neill (Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden) and Jay Conceison (Highway Supervisor) and each one of our Division employees whom continue to demonstrate a high level of professionalism and a tremendous amount of support and dedication to the DPW and the community:
John Ames, Dave Barrett, Mike Berry, Bill Casey, Wayne Casey, Dave Cudmore, John Cuzzi, Mark DeCouto, Steve Flaherty, Mike Gammons, Richard Gill, Steve Legendre, Patrick Lordan, Jim Luke, Joe Malinosky, Bob Meade, Joe Pucillo, Ray Barra (seasonal), John Minihan (seasonal), Chris Ryan (seasonal), Marc Deveau (seasonal), Tom Nicholson (seasonal)

The DPW Operations Division would also like to thank the Water Division and its staff for their continued support during snowplowing operations as well as the administrative personnel; Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson and Karen Gallo. This Division also recognizes the work of Adrienne Edwards (GIS Specialist) as she continually improves on the mapping capabilities of the town and the organization of the town-wide green efforts and energy usage.

** One last note: We would like to thank Paul O'Neill, Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden (who had retired this past June) for his dedication and support to all of the residents of the community as well as his co-workers and peers throughout his 38 year DPW career. He will truly be missed **

Maurice G. Goulet
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DPW OPERATIONS DIVISION
PROJECTS OF 2012

HIGHWAY

Roadway Construction:		Feet	Miles
Holmes Street (Reclaim/Resurface)		946	0.18
Linden Street Street (Reclaim/Resurface)		693	0.13
Pleasant Street (Reclaim/Resurface)		597	0.11
King Avenue (Reclaim/Resurface)		472	0.09
Union Street (Reclaim/Cold Plane/Resurface)		3,647	0.69
	Total	**6,355**	**1.20**

Sidewalk Construction:		Feet	Miles
Bridge Street (Concrete with Granite Curbs)		898	0.17
	Total	**898**	**0.17**

Drainage Basins Cleaned:	**Total**		**1,411**
Drainage Basins Newly Constructed:	**Total**		**6**
Drainage Basins Remodeled:	**Total**		**70**

Traffic Marking: (Linepainting)		Feet	Miles
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**428,342**	**81.13**

Linepainting Crosswalks:			Each
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**		**103**

Crack-Sealing Roadways:		Feet	Miles
Elm Street		5,243	0.99
Western Avenue		1,439	0.27
Dailey Avenue		1,140	0.22
Coughlin Road		1,077	0.20

	Total	**8,899**	**1.69**
Fleet Maintenance:			Vehicles
Various Town Departments	**Total**		**118**
Street Sweeping:	**From 3/20/12 to 11/3/12**		
Town-wide			
Flail Mowing:	**From 5/25/12 to 10/16/12**		
Town-wide			
Sanding Operations:			Events
Town-wide	**Total**		**11**
Snowplowing Operations:			Events
Town-wide	**Total**		**3**

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Tree Removal/Trimmed		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**643**
Stump Removal		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**144**
Cemetery Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**29**
Field Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**26**
Playground Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**9**
Field Lining for Sporting Events		Days
Town-wide	**Total**	**41**
Work Orders (including schools)		Each
Completed	**Total**	**780**

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

MISSION STATEMENT
The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today's water supplies for tomorrow's consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2012.

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
January	48,577,000	July	89,818,000
February	46,591,000	August	75,977,000
March	50,830,000	September	61,532,000
April	61,946,000	October	48,274,000
May	62,747,000	November	45,121,000
June	68,543,000	December	47,585,000
		Total Pumped	707,541,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,837,000 gallons on July 17, 2012.

The Water Division responded to 2,667 service and emergency calls:
Connected 38 new services for a total of 7,381 active services
Replaced 695 meters
Renewed 12 services
Repaired 12 service leaks
Repaired 14 broken water mains
3 – 6" mains, 11 – 8" mains
Repaired 13 fire hydrants
Replace 5 fire hydrants
Preformed routine maintenance on 633 hydrants

In 2012, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
528' of 6" water main
3037' of 8" water main
7 new fire hydrants
20 new valves

We now have a total of 163 miles of water mains, 1,397 hydrants and 3,219 street valves in our system.

The Water Division read 86,282 meters during the past year. All reading data is analyzed to help meet state regulations and also used as a tool to help notify customers of potential leaks within their plumbing systems. We processed 29,265 routine water bills, 240 property transfer bills and 373 miscellaneous bills. We mailed out 663 Conservation Letters notifying consumers of potential leaks within their plumbing system.

This completed the twenty-third (23rd) year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 1319 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 131 commercial buildings, 43 institutional buildings and 15 municipal buildings were surveyed. We have 296 testable devices in the system, 165 double check valve assemblies, 131 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers and 14 non-required devices. This year 410 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, we have taken the following samples for analysis:

499	Bacteriological
6	Gross Alpha Perticle Activity
7	Nitrate
2	Nitrite
8	Radium 226 & Radium 228
2	Routine chemical
7	Secondary contaminants
2	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
16	Trihalomethane
16	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
1	Inorganic (IOC)

Our 50 kilowatt (kW) Solar Photovoltaic Project located at Pumping Station #2 has now been up and running for a little over 2 years. This year we have produced 63,862 kilowatt hours (kWh). Since the system was commissioned in September of 2010 we have generated a total of 131,967 kilowatt hours of clean energy. This would equate to enough energy to power an average American house for 11.75 years and offset 193,196 miles worth of CO2 emissions from the average American car.

We continue to survey the water system for leaks using conventional and digital correlation technology. We have completed 33 system-wide leak surveys since 1982. This program enables us to maintain low unaccounted-for water.

Water system flushing is a crucial element of maintaining our water system. We completed our 19th consecutive annual system-wide unidirectional (UDF) flushing program during the months of April and October. Unidirectional flushing is a technique that removes mineral and biological deposits in water lines by moving water through the mains at high velocity in a single direction. This program is our most effective tool in maintaining water quality and delivery of safe water to your tap.

We conducted our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on April 21, 2012 with 497 residents participating. I would like to thank the Easton Lions Club for their continued effort in assisting in this event with the collection of televisions, computer monitors, and white goods. Our collection day for 2013 has been scheduled for April 20th.

The Water Division hosted its 28th Annual Open House on Saturday, April 28, 2012 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Hundreds of posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton School System—especially, Dr. Michael A. Green, Superintendent of Schools, Christine DiVirgilio, Achim Krasenbrink, and Betty Minuskin of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate the students to the value of water and the need to protect it. We look forward to our 29th Open House being held on May 4, 2013.

We assisted the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee in its efforts throughout the year. We attended 9 of their 11 scheduled meetings. We also attended their 25th annual awareness day held at the Easton Water division on April 28, 2012.

The Water Division continues to remain leaders within the water works industry. Our employees are dedicated and committed to their jobs. As a manager, it is certainly rewarding to have employees of this caliber and I would like to personally thank all of them for their continued efforts: Shirley Tufts, Karen Gallo, John Fresh Jr., Richard Mueda, Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, Jeffery Cloonan, Michael O'Toole, Joseph Charron, Brian O'Neill and Andy Howarth.

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (CRAAC) held eleven meetings during the year. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and are rotated within one of the five communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton.

On January 5, 2012, Adrienne Edwards, Easton GIS Specialist gave a presentation to the committee on the CRAAC Website.

On February 2,2012 April Forsman, Town of Sharon GIS Coordinator met with the committee and updated with them the latest GIS initiatives that she has been working on for the Town of Sharon

The 25th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day took place on April 28, 2012 in conjunction with the Easton Water Division 125th anniversary open house at their office on 417 Bay Road in Easton. There were over 100 visitors during the morning event and poster contest.

On June 7, 2012 Adrienne Edwards, Easton's GIS Specialist discussed the various layers within the Town of Easton's GIS Program.

On September 6, 2012 Robert Cutler, Foxborough Town Clerk met with the committee to discuss the Open Meeting Law in Massachusetts and how it affects CRAAC.

The CRAAC celebrated it's 25th Anniversary on Friday evening September 14,2012 at the Sharon Community Center 35 guests were in attendance to hear our speaker DEP Deputy Director - Division of Municipal Services David DeLorenzo, State Senator James Timilty, State Representative Jay Barrows and Mike Jackman from Congressmen Keating's Office. CRAAC Members Joan Sozio, Ed Tartufo and Wayne Southworth spoke about the 25 year history of CRAAC and the significant achievements of the committee.

Connor Read, Easton's Citizen Business Advocate, attended the Committee's meeting on August 2, 2012 to talk about his experience with the Facebook page that he maintains for the Town of Easton.

John Shannon, a Mansfield resident and Graduate Student from the University of Rhode Island Environmental Science and Management Program launched a new Facebook page for CRAAC

On November 1, 2012 CRAAC Member Edward Tartufo gave a presentation to the committee regarding the economic growth of the region.

At the December 6, 2012 meeting the committee voted to reduce its meetings to only meet on the even numbered months during 2013.

The committee would like to thank Karen Gallo of the Town of Easton Water Division, Antonetta Ackerman of the Town of Sharon Water Department, Eileen Zinni of the Town of Foxborough Water Department and Jan Fowler Easton CRAAC member for their assistance in producing our minutes.

The committee would also like to thank Adrienne Edwards for her design and maintenance of our web site. Please visit our website: www.craac.org

NOTICE

THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH EVEN NUMBERED MONTH AT 1:00 PM IN ONE OF THE TOWNS OF EASTON, MANSFIELD, NORTON, FOXBOROUGH, OR SHARON.
THE FOLLOWING **2013** SCHEDULE IS AS PLANNED:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013	SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, April 4, 2013	FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG
THURSDAY, June 6, 2013	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, August 1, 2013	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, October 3, 2013	EASTON WATER DIVISION
THURSDAY, December 5, 2013	SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER

Present Membership

Norton
Frances Shirley
Jennifer Carlino (6/30/12)
Jonathan Rowe

Foxborough
Robert W. Boette (6/30/12)
Joan F. Sozio (6/30/14)
Roger Hill (6/30/13)

Sharon
Gregory Meister
Dave Masciarelli

Easton
John H. Fresh, Jr. (06/30/13)
Wayne P. Southworth (06/30/15)
Janice L. Fowler (6/30/14)

Mansfield
Edward Tartufo (6/30/14)
Leonard F. Flynn (6/30/12)
Kevin O'Donnell (6/30/13)

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:
I respectfully submit the annual report of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department for the Year 2012.
The Fire Department went through a transition early in January 2012 with the retirement of long time department member Chief Thomas Stone. Chief Stone served as Chief of the Department for nine (9) years and a total of 33 years on the department.

I started as the new Chief of the department on January 16, 2012 and worked several weeks with Chief Stone in a transition and assumed the leadership of the department from him in February. I am honored to be the Chief of the Fire & Rescue Department and thank the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for placing their confidence in me to lead the department.

My first twelve months have been getting acclimated to the Fire Department. I started by meeting with the Company Officers to discuss my goals and objectives and expectations of them as their Chief and to find out where they think improvements in the department are needed. I subsequently met with each group and firefighter on the department and introduced myself. This gave me an opportunity to discuss with each of them their thoughts on the direction the department should head and the chance to get to know each of the members that work for the department.

As part of my transition and through-out the first year I have had the chance to work with each of the town departments and the Department Heads and have established a good working relationship with them. The Town of Easton is very fortunate to have dedicated and professional people working for them and handling the challenges and missions of each of the departments.

OPERATIONS

The Fire and Rescue Department continues to be very busy responding to 3280 incidents in 2012. To highlight some of the calls, the Department responded to 29 fires in structures, 295 motor vehicle accidents, 194 Alarm investigations, 177 misc. investigations and 1,590 requests for medical assistance. There were a total of 1374 transports with Easton ambulance transporting 1,205 patients and a mutual aid ambulance transporting 169 patients to local hospitals.

Several notable calls were an arson fire that burned the old Carriage House restaurant on Tunrpike Street. this was a 3 alarm fire and required the assistance of our neighboring fire departments. This fire was one of 24 arson fires in the Southeast area of the state by two individuals who were finally caught. Several residents assisted at a motor vehicle accident on Summer Street when a vehicle crashed into a pole and caught fire. Residents Nathan Everett, Kenneth Bowman and Michael McGowan pulled the occupant to safety. Group 3 members of the Fire Department arrived to extinguish the fire and treat the injured driver, the Town recognized the residents for their bravery in rescuing the driver. Members of Group 2 assisted a person who was choking on food at a restaurant in town and removed the obstruction by using the Heimlich maneuver; the victim was fine due to their efforts. These are just a few of the many incidents that the members of the department respond to each and every day an do and outstanding job.

The Town continues to see a steady request for ambulance service with nearly the same amount of calls for emergency medical service as in 2011, but an increase of 80 patients needing transport, about a 6.25 % increase. The level of care for patients required during each of the transports continues to remain at an acceptable level with 65% of every call having advanced life support (ALS) care rendered by the department paramedics. Staffing of the ambulance was at two (2) paramedics for 98% of the calls and the average on scene time continues to be excellent at twelve minutes. The Steward Good Samaritan Medical center in Brockton continues to be the primary facility that the ambulance transported to, at 1081, or 90%. The Brockton Hospital receiving 63 of the transports or 5%, and the balance was dispersed among five (5) other hospitals.

The department continues to manage the many multiple calls that are received, many times requiring the use of mutual aid ambulances and recalling personnel to staff additional apparatus. The compliment of fire personnel as of December 31, 2012 is thirty-six (36) including the Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Captain. Thirty-four Firefighters are assigned to four (4) groups, two (2) groups of eight (8) firefighters and two (2) groups of nine (9). The size of the town and the demand for services of the department many times stretch the resources of the on duty personnel placing them in a situation where there are longer response times and a delayed response. Mutual aid is needed to cover the many multiple ambulance calls that occur each year and continues to be high. Increasing staffing to cover the second ambulance will help to alleviate this high demand and use of mutual aid. The benefits of operating the second ambulance will be a decrease in time for definitive care to the patient and increased revenue from the ambulance transport. Increased personnel will also help to cover the many times there are multiple calls, and also put sufficient firefighters on the scene of a fire to perform safe and effective operations.

There are times when the on duty personnel are placed in a situation of having insufficient personnel to handle a situation in a safe and effective manner. I need to emphasize that staffing is below what is required to cover 29.4 sq. miles and protect 23,000 residents.

The statistics show that in 2012 the Easton Fire Department apparatus responded on mutual aid to assist all our neighboring communities 52 times (20 with the ambulance, and 32 fire calls). We had to call apparatus in from other town's times to assist us (169 ambulance, and fire calls). There were 1,374 people transported to the hospital of which 169 (13.5%) were transported by a mutual aid ambulance. Not having staffing levels that allow the department to staff the second ambulance causes patients to wait longer for a mutual aid ambulance to arrive, and the Town of Easton loses the revenue. Each year the department relies heavily upon our neighbors at a much higher percentage than they rely on us for an ambulance.

As the financial crisis that has impacted government improves, the Easton Fire Department looks to increase staffing levels to adequately and safely cover the town of Easton. The Department continues to seek alternative funding sources such as the Federal Government Staffing Assistance Grants and Assistance to Firefighter Grants for equipment. The department has received several state grants including the Student Awareness of Fire Safety (SAFE) grants for public education, Massachusetts Emergency Management (MEMA) Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) for equipment, a small grant from the Massachusetts Inter-local Insurance Agency (MIIA) for providing hose cover on the department apparatus to prevent hoses from accidentally coming off the truck.

The department also received numerous donations from businesses including, the Bank of Easton whose donation funded the purchase and installation of a satellite receiver to improve radio communications, Columbia Gas Company donated funds to send firefighters to the Massachusetts Fire Academy (MFA) for gas training, the Steward Medical Center (Good Samaritan Hospital) for medical equipment and medications for upgrading an Engine to the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level and Homeland Security Grant Funding from the Southeast Homeland Security Council for Incident Command System 300 Supervisor Level Training(ICS300).

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Training of personnel is an ongoing process to keep firefighters proficient in their basic skills and educate them in new topics. The Department has a monthly fire training topic that is done by all groups as well as an Emergency Medical training topic. Each group also conducts "10 minute drills" which are review of equipment, policies, apparatus or discussion of previous calls that are done on shift. Most of the training is done in service by each group, while very few members are sent to fire academy or other professional trainings. The current budget only allows for sending a few members on overtime to professional development trainings or educational seminars. The Department does take advantage of a few training opportunities that the MFA provides including this past year classes on Hazardous Materials Operational Level Responder training and Confined Space Rescue awareness training. The Department also conducted ICS 300 training for all Officers which is Supervisor level command training and is required of all Officers.

Captain James Walsh is the Departments Training Officer and oversees the scheduling of training as well as conducting training for the new firefighters hired. In 2012, 2 new firefighter positions were filled, as two retirement replacements were hired. All four newly hired firefighters went through the City of Brockton Fire Department Drill School with the last two completing the training in February of 2013. All four (4) firefighters will receive their Firefighter I/II certification. These four firefighters also went through the Easton Fire Department orientation on the departments EMS operations and fire department procedures.

On an annual basis all EMTs are required to attend EMS training conducted by the department on general EMS topics and more specific Advanced Life Support Morbidity and Mortality (M&M) rounds, conducted by the Departments Medical Director. Every EMT is required by the State to complete a required amount of EMS training and refresher training every two years to renew their EMT license.

Lieutenant Evan Malone is the Coordinator for EMS on the department and is required to conduct review of all runs that department EMT's are on, to provide Quality Improvement and Quality Assurance. The Department, the State and the Steward Medical Center whom the Department has an affiliation agreement with have protocols and policies that all EMT's are required to follow. The QA&QI review is done to assure that all of the protocols and policies are followed. Lt Malone is also responsible to review the daily check sheets and assure all equipment is checked and the apparatus are in optimal response mode.

FF Scott Brennan is the EMS Training Coordinator and is responsible to plan, schedule and as needed conduct EMS training for all members. The Department holds an EMT refresher class each year that is required for EMT recertification. FF Brennan works directly with Dr. Henry Crowley who is the service Medical Director to provide oversight and training for all EMTs on the department. The Medical Director provides oversight of the response system and makes recommendations of the delivery of medical care for the department. Dr. Crowley also makes himself available to assist at medical emergencies requiring a higher level of care.

Chief Partridge attended several multi-day trainings at Stonehill College on Incident Command for Higher Education facilities along with the college administration and public safety officials. Chief Partridge also attended the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts (FCAM) Professional development conference and several Senior Fire Officer Training programs. Captain Webster attended the Fire Prevention Officers of Massachusetts (FPAM) professional development conference as well as the MFA Fire Prevention trainings. Captain Webster is working toward completing and receiving his Fire Prevention Officer Credential.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND FIRE PREVENTION

An integral part of a fire department mission and objectives is the prevention of situations that produce injury, death, destruction of property, or the negative impact of the environment. The Department is committed to providing resources to accomplish these objectives through our Public Education Program and Fire Prevention Program.

Captain Jeffrey Webster is the Fire Prevention Officer and is responsible for the many fire permits and fire inspections that are required. The department conducts inspection for homeowners for oil burner, LP gas, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, and plans reviews. There are many requirements for business and commercial establishments including sprinkler and fire alarm plan reviews and inspections, combustible and flammable storage permits, quarterly inspections of nursing homes, annual restaurant and entertainment license inspection, school inspections, blasting, fireworks, cutting and welding permits, and numerous others. Captain Webster has the responsibility to review all new building plans to assure they meet the fire code and are safe for occupants and firefighter.

Captain David Beals is the Departments Fire and Education training coordinator and oversees a team of firefighters including FF Chris Mills, John Carroll and John Dzialo who deliver the fire safety education in our public schools. The Department's SAFE program is in its 18th year and is a cooperative effort with support from school administration, teachers and firefighters to deliver an excellent program to the students. The program was originally funded through a grant from the State and continues to be partially funded through this grant. The program is a huge success in the schools and is the foundation to educating and having a fire safe generation. The program is in a transition year and will increase in the number of grades and classrooms visited during the 2012-13 school year. The program also reaches out to day-cares in the town as well as the seniors which are another target audience for fire safety.

The Department is happy to report that there were no fatal fires or injuries from fires in either residential or business occupancies in 2012. The statistics show that the leading cause of house fires in Easton in 2012 was misuse of heating equipment. Every resident is reminded to have a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm in their homes and to test it twice a year and change batteries once a year. They could save your life.

The Department conducted a very well attended Open House in October with an estimate of 800 people attending. The Open House spearheaded by FF's Larry Blye, John Dzialo, and Admin Assistant Pam Berglund, had twenty members of the department involved and participating at the open house. The Open House gives the Fire Department an opportunity to share with the public what the department does as well as an opportunity to educate our residents, young and old alike on the importance of fire and life safety. The department thanks the many businesses that donated supplies or funding to make our open house a huge success, including Papa Gino's, Roche Bros. Market, Easton Firefighters Local 2790, Department of Conservation and Recreation Fire Control with Smokey Bear, Taunton FF David Simmons and Sparky the Fire Dog, the band Eversea who provided music during the day.

FIRE ALARM

Captain James Walsh is the Fire Alarm Superintendent and is assisted by FF Darren Stone and is responsible for maintaining the department municipal fire alarm system. The system is undergoing an overhaul to eliminate and consolidate a lot of fire alarm wiring in order to remove unnecessary and old wire from the system. Much of the systems wire is old and is in need of replacement as well. Many of the street boxes, which are the red fire alarm pull boxes located around the town on utility poles are out of service and are systematically being removed. The department also maintains a radio fire alarm system which allows for the future removal of the old hard wired system. Numerous new radio boxes were added to the system this year including, Pharmasol, Burger King and Sunco.

APPARATUS AND STATIONS

One of the first directives issued by me as the new Chief was the cleaning of all the fire stations from top to bottom. A thorough cleaning of the building and equipment was conducted, items not needed were put through the surplus process.

The grounds around the station were cleaned and regular maintenance is being conducted. Several Eagle Scouts completed their Eagle Scout project at station 3 on Bay Road. Scouts Joseph Abate and Kevin Grant completely re-landscaped the front of the building, clearing out the evasive knot weed that was overgrowing along the stone wall, and working with the Friends of Easton Gardens to plant various shrubs and plants and grass. Scout Abate straightened the flag pole, installed an engraved brick display and the project will be completed with the installing of a ceremonial fire bell and plaque in memory of firefighters who have died, and a fire deck gun in front of the stonewall. Their efforts are appreciated by the entire department and have greatly improved the look of the station.

Stations 1 and 3 were painted and the labor was done through the inmate work program from both the Bristol County Sheriff's Office and the Massachusetts Department of Correction. Station 3 received a new metal roof and should alleviate the leaking problem that has occurred throughout the building.

The department and Town Administrator continue to work with Builder Doug King who will be constructing the "Queset Commons" at Belmont and Washington streets, plans to expand and renovate Station 2 on Depot Street were agreed upon and will be done by King Builders. The building will receive an addition and a complete renovation to the apparatus bays, bunk rooms, heating system, electrical system, kitchen and living quarters.

The Department took delivery of a new 2012 Horton ambulance which was purchased from Greewood Fire Apparatus in North Attleboro. The Horton ambulance is similar to the previous ambulance but on an International chassis. Two old ambulances were traded in with the purchase of the new one. The department currently has two ALS level ambulances, however only one is staffed, the second serves as a backup or is put in service during recall when personnel are available.

The apparatus fleet is at a point when a new replacement pumper should be purchased. Engine 2 was in the department capital plan to be refurbished in the next few years, however due to the poor condition of Engine 2, including excessive corrosion and rusting of the body and chassis, and the age of our reserve Engine 1 (21y/o), a new fire engine should be purchased. A further in-depth inspection will be conducted to see what could be done with Engine 2 to prolong its use. Engine 4 and 5 are in good condition but both continue to be very busy with a lot of miles being added each year. Ladder 1 went through a complete aerial testing and service and needed some above normal maintenance this year, but otherwise is in good condition.

The department purchased new portable radios for nearly all the members of the department, the old radios will be used as backups. The radios are provided to each firefighter and are a critical safety device that they use on a daily basis. New defibrillators and cardiac compression devices were also purchased to be placed on the fire apparatus. Engine 4 will be equipped and licensed to the ALS level allowing personnel to provide ALS treatment upon arrival on scene while they may wait for a mutual aid ambulance to arrive.

PERSONNEL

The department hired two (2) new firefighters that were new positions approved in the fiscal year 2013, these positions were cut in 2009. Firefighters Kyle Lovell and Kyle Riendeau were hired in August and attended the Brockton Fire Department Recruit Drill School. Both Firefighters graduated receiving their firefighter I/II and hazardous materials certification. These FF's were assigned to groups 1 and 2 respectively and are great additions to the department.

Longtime department members Firefighter James Davey and Lee Anderson retired from the department after a long career with the department. The Department wishes both Lee and Jim the best in retirement. Two replacement firefighters were hired in November and began their recruit training at the Brockton Fire Department Drill School in December. Firefighters Robert Powell and William Fralick will finish recruit training the first week of February and be the 33rd and 34th firefighter assigned to a group.

The Department had the honor of having two members receive recognition at the Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year, Heroic Award Ceremony in Worcester on December 18, 2012. Governor Deval Patrick presented Captain James Walsh and FF Richard Salve a Governor's Citation for their heroic action in the rescue of a resident at the Easton Senior Housing and saved his life. The Department congratulates Captain Walsh and FF Salve for their award and their heroic actions.

During 2012 FF Timothy Vamosi returned to the department from active duty with the Coast Guard and had served in Afghanistan, we thank FF Vamosi for his service.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Easton Emergency Management Team (EEMT) which consists of department heads and managers from the major town departments was pulled together to handled Super Storm Sandy that impacted the town in October. The EEMT pre-planned a response for the storm and met throughout the duration of the storm and the cleanup. The emergency response departments did an outstanding job with response to the many downed wires and trees that occurred during the storm. Department of Public Works personnel did a great job of clearing trees from the roadways to get them open and removing them after the storm. The

Team worked with National Grid to return power as soon as possible to those areas of town affected. Residents are reminded that they should plan to be self-sufficient for 72 hours in the event of a storm. As Emergency Management Director the Fire Chief has the responsibility to coordinate and submit appropriate paperwork for reimbursement (75%) of response expenses. The town received reimbursement for the last storm, Hurricane Irene for its response and debris removal costs.

STATISTICS

Responses:

Ambulance Calls	: 1,590
Motor Vehicle Crash	: 295
Business Assist	: 351
Box Alarms	: 111
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	: 53
Brush/Wood/Mulch	: 64
Commercial Residential Alarm	: 83
Vehicle Fire	: 4
Gas Odor/leak/Haz.Mat.	: 31
Misc. Investigation	: 199
Lockouts	: 136
Mutual Aid	: 51
Public Assist	: 104
Wires Down/arcing	: 77
Misc. Alarm/Assistance calls	: 267

Revenue: 1-1-12 through 12-31-12

Ambulance Fees :	$ 969,569.79
Fire Inspections/Permits:	$ 32,822.20
Fire alarm Box Fees :	$ 44,180.00

CONCLUSION

The Department continues to strive to provide the best service that we possibly can with the means that we have available to us. Providing the best possible customer service to each and every resident or visitor who needs our assistance is a high priority.

Mission Statement:

> *" The Easton Fire & Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the community. We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire safety awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens. ALWAYS READY, PROUD TO SERVE".*

On behalf of all the Easton Fire Department members I would like to extend my thanks to Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and each of the departments and Department Heads in town for their assistance and cooperation in the delivery of our services to the town.

I extend my thanks to the members of the department for the outstanding work they do in serving the people of Easton.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin P Partridge
Kevin P Partridge
Chief of Department

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

I respectfully submit the Annual Town Report of the Easton Police Department:

Burglaries into homes are one of the most disturbing and upsetting crimes that our residents sometimes become victims to. I am happy to report that our housebreaks were down 35% since 2011. This was a result of assistance from our citizens and the hard work of our detectives. Numerous arrests were made following a significant rise in housebreaks in 2011.

Lt. Gary Sullivan is the department's executive officer and I want to thank him for all his assistance with the day to day operations of the department. He supervises the patrol force and the civilian dispatchers.

Last year the State 911 Department enacted a new regulation mandating that all public safety dispatchers must be trained in emergency medical dispatching. This was a three day training course and also requires sixteen hours of annual in service training. Since our police officers are still occasionally assigned to dispatch duties, it was necessary to train the entire department as well as our dispatchers. We now have nine public safety dispatchers and we plan to centralize the dispatch function by incorporating fire dispatch this summer. This is a significant change that has been discussed for about fifteen years. When we centralize dispatch, the police officers and firefighters will no longer be required to perform the duties of public safety dispatchers.

Sgt. Arthur Martell retired this past summer after twenty five years of service with our department. He was a firearms instructor for the criminal justice training academy and worked very hard to develop our firearms training program. He worked nights for most of his career and he will be missed. Also, our school resource officer, George Allen retired after thirty-two years of service. He previously served as a D.A.R.E. officer and worked patrol for many years. We are grateful for his dedication to the youth of our community. Officer Patrick Healey is our new school resource officer for Easton Public Schools and Officer Carolyn Gurney is the SRO at the Southeastern Regional School.

Sgt. Daniel O'Reilly is our firearms licensing officer. He is assisted by Officer Brandon Walkus. Firearms licensing has increased by 50%. Part of the reason was a concern among the public that more restrictions on firearms ownership would be implemented by the federal government following the tragic shooting at a school in Newtown. CT.

Officer Timothy McPeck has rejoined the department after being laid off in 2009. He had been working for another department and chose to come back when an opening occurred here. We also have hired two new recruits, Dennis Kitsos and Matthew Solov, who will be attending the Plymouth Police academy in April, 2013.

We presently have 30 full time officers including the Chief and will have 32 this summer after the recruits complete their training.

2012 CRIME STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS **11,831**

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	1
Attempted Suicides	11
Rapes	0
Sexual Assaults	3
Robberies	5
Assault & Battery/Weapons	0

Assault & Battery	17

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAKING & ENTERING

B & E Residence	69
B & E Motor Vehicle	58
B & E Business or building	16
B & E Attempts	13

LARCENIES

Larcenies over $250	75
Larcenies under $250	59
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	8
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	7
Shoplifting	28

IN CUSTODY

Total Arrests	152
Impaired Driving Arrests	29
Protective Custody	10

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

Domestic Violence	28
Disturbance	35
Disorderly Persons	1
Noise Complaints	178
General Service	624
Missing Persons	25
Vandalism	119
Alarms	1187
Annoying Phone Calls	21
Animal Complaints	263
Barking Dog Complaints	14

ACCIDENTS

Fatal Accidents	2
Property Damage Accidents	333
Personal Injury Accident	70

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Traffic Citations	1587
Pistol Permits/FID's Issued	368

Our Mission Statement:

- Preserve freedom by protecting life and property, ensuring that the constitutional rights of individuals are upheld, maintaining order and encouraging respect for the laws of our commonwealth and of our nation.

- Earn the respect of all individuals, by maintaining a well-trained, professional and accountable police department that performs its duties with diligence, integrity and impartiality.

- Reduce and prevent crime by implementing effective crime prevention strategies.

- Partner with our community organizations, leaders, and citizens to resolve community problems using the community policing philosophy.

For questions, comments or concerns please contact either:

Lt. Gary Sullivan, telephone: 508-230-3322, email: gsullivan@easton.ma.us
Chief Allen Krajcik, telephone: 508-230-3322, email: akrajcik@easton.ma.us
Our website is: www.eastonpd.com

Respectfully submitted,

Allen R. Krajcik
Chief of Police

2012 ANNUAL REPORT
ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

The Animal Control Department is responsible to enforce the State, County and local animal laws. We work closely with our local Police, the Environmental Police, the State Department of Animal Health, MSPCA, the Animal Rescue League and our local Veterinarians.

All dogs three months or older need a license that may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office. The license runs from January to December. The dog license is important in helping to identify the owner of a dog. All cats should wear some form of identification.

All dogs and cats are required by State law to be rabies vaccinated. This is extremely important in case of a bite incident or your pet having contact with wildlife, or a high risk domestic animal. All animals suspected of having rabies are sent to State lab for testing. We submitted one opossum and one bat for testing.

We received 1850 calls. General information and concerns make up the majority of calls. When needed we would refer a call to a different department. In the spring numerous calls are received from residents with wildlife concerns. 24 dogs were picked up as strays. 18 dogs were claimed by their owners. 6 dogs were surrendered to the shelter. 3 cats were picked up and surrendered to the shelter. On April 15, a Rabies clinic was held. 88 dogs were vaccinated and 37 cats. Dr. Ronald Buffman helped us with the clinic.

We continue to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints and we help to protect our residents from intimidation and injury from animals. We help to protect the animals from health hazards, abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment according to the laws.

The Animal Control Department can be reached by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322.

I would like to thank the following for their cooperation and support throughout the year; The Police Chief and his department, the Dispatchers, The Fire Chief and his department, Public Works Director and his men, Town Clerk's Office, Town Administrator's Office, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Health. A special Thanks to the Executive Assistant and the Administrative Assistant of the Easton Police. Thanks to the residents of Easton for being great pet owners It is a pleasure to work for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth DeRosa ACO

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

We are the officers in the field for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Division of Regulatory and Biosecurity Services, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Environmental Police and our local Board of Health.

We are still keeping up our guard for West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Livestock should be vaccinated for these diseases. The State Department of Public Health sends our department guide lines for testing of birds. .

We had 18 reports of animal bites received in our office. We sent one opossum and one bat, to the State lab to be tested for rabies. A domestic animal that has a wound of unknown origin or has had an encounter with wildlife is place under confinement for up to six months.

A Rabies Clinic was held at the Police Station on April 15 2012, 125 animals were vaccinated, 88 dogs and 37 cats.

In November and December a partial inspection was done at premises that have farm animals. 55 horses, 12 goats, 12 sheep, 1 donkey, 1 llama, and 24 chickens were inspected, all found to be in good health and sanitary conditions.

Wildlife sightings calls have increased with more seen in backyards and roadways. It's very important to not leave pet food outside or in open garages. Make sure rubbish containers are covered. Wildlife are survivors in the wild but if they find an easy accessible food source available they will keep coming back to the area. Problem wildlife cannot be relocated; moving wildlife from one area to another could spread disease, and is against State and Federal Law.

We check on the handling of domestic pets and domestic livestock according to State laws. We investigate all animal bites and encounters with wildlife. We educate the public on issues of animal diseases. We work closely with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, Environmental Police and our local veterinarians. We can be reaching by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322 or the Board of Health at 508-230-0621.

We want to thank the Board of Health, Town Clerk's Office, Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Department; your help throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth DeRosa Animal Inspector

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	37
Multiple Family Dwellings	119
Additions – Residential	117
Alterations – Residential	213
New Commercial	7
Additions Commercial	9
Alterations Commercial	65
Demolished Buildings	9
Signs	24
Temporary Signs	18
Swimming Pools	21
Roofs	93
Siding	31
Replacement Windows/Doors	93
Temporary Tents	23
Wood Stoves	21
Trench Permits	75
Foundations	47
Certificate of Inspections	101
Certificate of Occupancy	192

TOTALS

Total Cost of Construction:	$76,823,644
Total Building Fees Collected:	$323,100
Total Number of Daily Building Inspections:	2059
Total Wiring Fees Collected:	$127,441
Total No. of Wiring Permits Issued:	606
Total Gas Fees Collected:	$21,857
Total No. of Gas Permits Issued:	342
Total Plumbing Fees Collected:	$55,947
Total No. of Plumbing Permits Issued:	425
Total Mechanical Fees Collected:	$50,771
Total No. of Mechanical Permits Issued:	56
Total Misc. Fees Collected: (Roofing, Siding, Trench, etc.)	$37,503
Total No. of Misc. Permits Issued:	402

Total Fees Collected for Cal Yr. 2012: $616,619

D. Mark Trivett	C.B.O., Inspector of Buildings, Zoning Enforcement Officer	mtrivett@easton.ma.us
Paul DeBaggis	Local Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer	pdebaggis@easton.ma.us
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Kit Minsky	Executive Assistant	kminsky@easton.ma.us
Ronald Wiseman	Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector	
Kevin Nelson	Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector	
Arthur Pedini, Jr.	Alternate Electrical Inspector	

Office Hours

Monday:	8:30 am – 7:30 pm
Tuesday:	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesday:	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Thursday:	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday:	8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Responsibilities:

- Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes and Town By-Laws.
- Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems, trenches and demolition work.
- Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.

There were 37 building permits approved for new single-family dwellings in 2012 and 11 permits issued for new multi-family dwelling units. There were 302 building permits issued for residential additions and alterations and 402 miscellaneous permits (roofing, siding, replacement windows/doors, trench, etc.) in 2012. The total estimated cost of residential construction in 2012 was $41,117,636. Estimated cost of commercial construction in 2012 was $35,706,008.

The Inspector of Buildings issued 101 Certificates of Inspection and 192 Certificates of Use and Occupancy. The Inspectional Services Staff performed 3,418 daily inspections and 10 emergency inspections.

The Inspectional Services Department collected fees in the amount of $616,619 in the year 2012.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff and all Town Departments for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett, CBO
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) is responsible for processing permits reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board, Historical Commission, and the Conservation Commission, as well as taking a leadership role in the long-range planning efforts of the Town. The Department provides staff support to the Planning & Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Affordable Housing Trust, Community Preservation Committee, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission, and other town boards and committees as needed. Planning Director Brad Washburn left the Town for a position with the State in June. Stephanie Danielson was appointed Acting Planning Director and continued in that capacity through the end of the year.

Comprehensive Master Plan: Creating a new Comprehensive Master Plan for the Town became a priority in 2012. The DPCD working with the Planning & Zoning Board obtained approval at Town Meeting for funds to contract with an experienced qualified consultant to assist with the process. The DPCD oversaw the process of issuing a request for proposals, reviewed proposals and made a recommendation for award; assisted in developing a charge for the Master Plan Steering Committee, which is charged with garnering public input, support and consensus; and began to generate public awareness of and enthusiasm for the planning process.

Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP): The DPCD worked with the Town's consultant to implement the next phases of the CWMP. This included:

- assistance in helping advance the design of the North Easton Village wastewater treatment facility and collection system
- identifying other possible treatment facility and groundwater discharge sites throughout Town to serve the rest of North Easton Village and other needs areas as identified in the CWMP
- attending monthly and quarterly update meetings
- administering requirements associated with State grants

North Easton Village Revitalization: The DPCD participated in planning for streetscape improvements on Main Street from Mechanic to Center Street. The plans call for undergrounding power lines, improved sidewalks, street crossings and curbing, additional street trees, enhanced pedestrian access and upgrading of the municipal parking lot off Mechanic Street. Groundwork for this project included hosting meetings with property owners, local stakeholders and various boards to seek input and consensus on concepts and design and grant application and administration work.

Ames Shovel Works: The DPCD continued to be an active partner regarding the Shovel Works project, working specifically on state and local permitting, design and construction of the wastewater treatment plant and conservation and historic preservation restrictions.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation Technical Assistance Grants: The DPCD worked with DOT consultants and the Old Colony Planning Council on two technical assistance grants. The Queset Commercial District Study assessed potential zoning changes along portions of Route 138 that would promote economic development, allow for a greater mix of uses, and establish design guidelines to enhance the economic potential and character of the area. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Access Study assessed sidewalk, crossing, traffic signal and roadway improvements that would promote bicycling and walking as means of transportation and recreational enjoyment.

Historic Preservation. The DPCD continued to offer administrative and technical support to the Easton Historical Commission. As recommended in the Easton Historical Preservation Plan (2008), an effort to survey and document historic properties continued in 2012. Surveys were completed for approximately 160 properties in North Easton and Furnace Village. A new phase of the project was initiated to review properties the Bay Road and Unionville historic areas.

The DPCD assisted with Commission reviews of demolitions of historic structures under the Town's Demolition Review Bylaw, as well as reviews of various proposed developments and Town projects. The DPCD drafted preservation agreements for properties slated to receive historic restoration funds from the Town's CPA fund, and assisted with review and enforcement activities under existing agreements.

Conservation Land Management. The DPCD worked with the Conservation Commission to administer the Commission's Land Management and action Plan. This year work focused on trail development and management including:

- Construction of a footbridge over Queset Brook in the Flyaway Pond Management area. This footbridge completed a loop trail in this well-used management area.
- Award of a Recreational Trail Grant to formalize the trail system within the Clifford G. Grant Management Area, including a trail extension that will complete an extensive loop trail.
- Marking out the Clifford G. Grant trail in preparation for work.
- Trail maps created and posted to the website for trail systems within Wheaton Farm, Flyaway Pond, Clifford G. Grant.

The Commission also advanced plans with the Agricultural Commission to develop community gardens at Wheaton Farm

Affordable Housing: Under the direction of the Affordable Housing Trust, DPCD staff continued to connect residents with affordable housing resources, a key objective of the Trust. The department administered the first full year of the Trust's Homebuyer Assistance Program. Through the program, two first-time home buyers with moderate incomes received financial assistance toward the purchase of homes in Easton, and the program continues to accept applicants. The homes purchased through this program become permanent fixtures in the Town's official inventory of affordable homes. The department also prepared to launch the Trust's next major initiative, a grant program to assist moderate-income homeowners with home repairs.

The DPCD facilitated Town review and initial approval of a mixed-income development. The department is pleased to assist the Town in having substantial sway over the location and design of development projects.

Open Space: The Department worked with the Recreation Commission and staff overseeing construction of multi-use recreational fields on Chestnut Street and worked with The Trustees of Reservations to leverage its CPA-approved funding for acquisition of a conservation restriction on the Governor Ames Estate for the permanent protection of open space.

Agricultural Commission: The Department assisted the Agricultural Steering Committee in presenting an article at the May Annual Town Meeting to approve a bylaw establishing an Agricultural Commission. After successful passage of the article, the Department assisted in organizing the Commission, including drafting a 1-,3-, 5-year workplan, beginning work on a right-to-farm bylaw, partnering with the Wheaton Farm Committee and the Conservation Commission to explore the potential for community gardens at

Wheaton Farm and working with the NRT to re-locate the Farmers Market to a more advantageous location.

Public Access to Information. The Department continues to publish newsworthy information, procedural and regulatory changes and informative links to the various boards' websites.

Professional Development: Staff attended and participated in professional seminars and conferences including:

MACC Annual Conference
Massachusetts Trail Conference
GrowSmart Summit
MAPD Annual Conference
Governor's Economic Development Academy
MassDOT Moving Together – Complete Streets
Under One Roof Housing Seminar
SNEAPA Annual Conference
GIS Training

For general inquiries, please call 508-230-0630, or visit our website at www.easton.ma.us/directory/planning_comdev/index.htm

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

The Planning and Zoning Board administers, within the Town of Easton, Massachusetts General Laws Chapters 40A (The Zoning Act), Chapter 40 Section 15C (The Scenic Roads Act) and Chapter 41 (the Subdivision Control Law) of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. To that point we oversee the subdivision of land, create and review amendments to the Eaton Zoning Bylaws, updates to the Master Plan and review applications for certain types of Special Permits.

In addition to administration, the Board seeks to manage the growth of the community and to promote development which integrates environmental protection and community economic goals through promoting development which preserves large tracts of open space and furthers the welfare of people and the community by creating convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient and attractive environments.

In 2012 the Planning & Zoning Board held twenty-four (24) meetings, where we reviewed seventeen (17) applications. These include:

- One (1) Definitive Subdivision – "Victory Estates"
- One (1) Special Permit for a Common Driveway
- Eight (8) Approval Not Required (Form A)
- Three (3) Site Plan Reviews
- Four (4) Internally Illuminated Sign Applications

The Board also provided comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for twenty-one (21) applications.

In 2012 the Planning & Zoning Board also oversaw creation and adoption of several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw. These Include:

- Zoning Map, Articles 37 and 38
- Section II, Definitions
- Section V, Use Regulations – Table of Use Regulations (5-3)
- Section VII, Special Provisions - Planned Business Development (7-6)
- Section VII, Special Provisions - Home Occupation (7-9)
- Section IX, Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lots - Extension and Alteration (9-2)
- Section X, Signs

In an effort to promote a more comprehensive planning process for Easton, the Board initiated joint meetings with other town boards and commissions and look forward to increasing the number of such meetings in 2012. We also look forward to starting work on an update to the master plan, the first update since 1971.

The Board welcomed David Clymens to the Board as a new alternate member in 2012.

The Board wishes to thank Brad Washburn, Planning Director, who left in July and Randi Graham, Part time Clerk, who left in March, and welcomed Stephanie Danielson as Acting Planning Director and Ellen Weene as the new part time Clerk. The Board also wishes to express their thank you to Pamela Almeida, Principal Clerk, for her continued support and dedication.

Further, we express our gratitude to David Colton, Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and to all other Boards and Commissions for their involvement in planning Easton's present and future.

Respectfully Submitted

Gregory Strange, Chair
Christine Santoro, Esq, Clerk
Peter Deschenes, Member
Daniel Smith, Member
Wayne Benson, Member
David Clymens, Alternate Member

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Easton Conservation Commission administers, within the Town of Easton, the State Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 et seq. (the Act) and the Wetlands Protection By-Law (the By-law), Chapter 227, Code of the Town of Easton with the regulations promulgated thereunder, 3 1OCMR 10.55 et seq. under the Act and Chapter 503 of the Town Code as to the By-Law.

In addition to administration and enforcement, the Commission has custody and control of the nearly four thousand acres of land held for conservation purposes, on behalf of the town. These management areas are open to the public for passive recreational enjoyment.

WETLANDS PROTECTION AND PERMITTING

The Commission scheduled twenty-four (24) public meetings, cancelling one (1) due to Tropical Storm Sandy in October of 2012. The Commission conducted 53 public hearings relative to permit requests and wetland resource area confirmations. The Commission issued the following in 2012:

- 26 Order of Conditions and Permits for Work (2 remain under review)
- 1 Order of Conditions and Permit for work in the form of a denial
- 1 Notice of Intent was withdrawn
- 18 Determination of Applicability
- 1 Order of Resource Area Delineation in the form of a denial
- 1 Amended Order of Conditions and Permit for Work in the form of a denial
- 1 Amended Order of Conditions and Permit for Work
- 18 Full Certificate of Compliances, and
- 9 Partial Certificate of Compliances
- 2 Certificate of Compliances were issued for work that never commended

The majority of hearings in 2012 involved homeowners seeking to expand existing homes; install swimming pools, or repair failing septic systems. Several projects were presented by builders looking to demolish older, smaller single-family houses and replace them with larger, modern houses. Larger projects requiring review and permitting by the Commission in 2012 included a residential development proposed off Depot Street, known as "Beech Tree Estates" (pending); construction of the sewer distribution system in the North Easton Village area; and installation of solar fields at the capped landfill on Prospect Street.

The Commission reminds Easton Residents that activities resulting in the alteration of wetlands, streams, rivers, swamps and low lying areas and buffer zones may be within the Commission's jurisdiction. Alteration is a broadly defined term, but includes: removal or cutting trees (even if dead), clearing brush, disposal of lawn clippings and leaves, landscaping, installation of patios and walkways, or operation of ATVs and motor bikes. To avoid enforcement, Contact the Commission before starting any work and be aware of the resources on your property.

The Conservation Commission is responsible for enforcement when a violation of the Act or By-law has occurred. Violations are investigated and Enforcement Orders are issued as appropriate. Many wetlands violations occur as a result of property owners' lack of awareness of the wetlands protection laws and that protectable wetland resources exist on or near their properties. In 2012, the Commission initiated four (4) enforcement actions. Riding an ATV in a wetland is a violation of wetlands protection and ATV use on Conservation Land is prohibited. One (1) property owner was notified it appeared ATV activity within a prohibited area began from their property. During enforcement, our primary objective is to work with people to educate them, restore the impacted resource area and prevent future violations. Most property owners involved in enforcement cases this year have been cooperative in working with the Commission to resolve the issue. The Commission issued one formal enforcement order.

The Commission and its staff are integral to the Town's Planning and Community Development Department. This year staff reviewed 159 jurisdictional inspections in response to Building Permit Applications. A number of these inspections resulted in filings before the Commission. The staff also provided technical review and comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for twenty-one (21) applications, Board of Health for one hundred and seven (107) applications. As needed, reviews were also done for the Planning & Zoning Board, Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

CONSERVATION LAND

Land Management

The Commission has a Land Management Plan that documents overview management goals for each of the significant management areas owned by the Town. The Land Management Action Plan identifies specific objectives and actions necessary to achieve those goals. Land Management activities in 2012, included:

> Construction of a footbridge over Queset Brook in the Flyaway Pond Management area. This footbridge completed a loop trail in this well-used management area.
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> Award of a Recreational Trail Grant to formalize the trail system within the Clifford G. Grant Management Area, including a trail extension that will complete an extensive loop trail.
>
> Marking out the Clifford G. Grant trail in preparation for work.
>
> Trail maps created and posted to the website for trail systems within Wheaton Farm, Flyaway Pond, Clifford G. Grant.
>
> Annual inspection and update with the tenants at Tufts Farm.

In addition to project reviews, hearings and site visits, staff attended educational workshops including a workshop on land management strategies and MACC training workshops.

The Commission's webpage, located on the Town of Easton website (http://www.easton.ma.us), provides useful information about the Commission including its schedule and upcoming agenda, minutes of past meetings. The site provides an overview of wetlands protection, the State and Town wetlands protection laws and regulations and access to permit request forms. Links to other related sites and informative resources are also available on the site.

The Commission may be reached via email or by phone at (508) 230-0630. Commission meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday evenings, and Tuesday evenings when there is a preceding Monday holiday. Our meeting schedule is posted on the website and the Town Offices bulletin board. All meetings are open to the public, except for Executive Sessions. Residents are encouraged to learn more about wetlands protection and why it matters by coming and observing our meetings.

The Commission wishes to express their appreciation and gratitude to John Grant who retired after 45 years of service to the Town. It is with the greatest honor and respect that the Easton Conservation Commission established the John E. Grant Environmental Stewardship Award which will be awarded to an Easton resident demonstrating long term commitment to environmental protection for the benefit of all residents of the town of Easton. Throughout the forty-four years John was a sitting member of the Easton Conservation Commission, he personally achieved the goals established by the Conservation Commission Act enabled by legislation in 1957. Identifying important land parcels with significant natural resource value, talking to and negotiating with home owners, soliciting support from Easton citizens and navigating local politics Mr. Grant helped the Town obtain and preserve nearly 4,000 acres of conservation land. This open space provides Easton's residents with access to an expansive natural environment that has been quickly disappearing throughout many Southeastern Massachusetts towns; newcomers to Easton often site the amount of open space and greenery as a primary attraction for buying in Easton.

Commission Member, Christopher Patrick, left at the end of his term to pursue the Land Management Liaison role for the Commission. The Commission welcomed new members Timothy Duffy and Brendan Creedon.

The Commission would like to thank Pamela Almeida (Principal Clerk/Recording Secretary) and Stephanie Danielson (Land Use Planner) for their support and dedication this past year. Further, we express our gratitude to David Colton, Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen and all appointed and elected Boards and Commissions of the Town who have worked in conjunction with the Commission to support the protection of wetlands and care of open space in the town. We are grateful to the citizens of the Town of Easton, for their cooperation and their support as we perform the duties entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Easton's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is comprised of four citizens "at large" and five members selected from other Town boards and committees. The citizens-at-large include: James Lee, professor of management and past president of the Friends of Wheaton Farm; Kevin McIntyre, Esq., an attorney and former Chair of the Fair Housing Committee; Christine Santoro, serves on the Affordable Housing Trust; and Avery Lee Williams, businessperson active in many community organizations; Brendan Creedon, serves on the committee for the Easton Conservation Commission; Edmund Hands serves for the Easton Historical Commission; William O'Neill for the Easton Recreation Commission; Gregory Strange serves for the Easton Planning and Zoning Board; and Dennis Sheedy for the Easton Housing Authority. We want to thank departing member John Grant for his service on the committee since its formation and his decades of committed service to the Conservation Commission and the Town of Easton.

The Community Preservation Act was signed into law in September of 2000, to provide a dedicated funding stream for the preservation of open space, historic resources and community housing. At that time, statistics were showing that open space in Massachusetts was being developed at a rate of 44 acres per day and our legislators realized that funding would be needed to preserve our fast-disappearing open spaces. Today, development of our open spaces and historic sites continues. CPA funding is provided through a local real estate tax surcharge and a statewide registry of deeds surcharge. The state funds are distributed to participating communities as matching funds in October of each year. The state match can be as much as 100% of the total amount raised by a community in the preceding fiscal year, depending upon how much revenue is collected by the state and how many communities are participating. Easton's CPA surcharge has two exemptions: the first $100,000 of value of each residence and an exemption for property owned by lower income persons.

Since 2002, the Commonwealth distributed six rounds of 100% state CPA matching funds to participating communities. Together with 33 other communities, Easton participated from the start and received that first 100% state match in 2002 and for the next five years. In 2008, Easton received a 76% match and in 2009, received a 44% state match. In 2012 the match was 32%, or $299,064. The state match has decreased the past few years because more communities now participate in CPA, sharing the matching funds, and because of the economic downturn. Because Easton voters had the foresight to adopt CPA at the outset, Easton has maximized its receipt of state matching funds. This latest award increases Easton's total state matching funds to approximately $5.489 million.

As of December 31, 2012 Easton's CPA reserves are as follows: $-0- in affordable housing reserves; $47,685 in historic preservation reserves; $700,357 in open space reserves; and $3,115,274 in unreserved CPA funds. The separate reservations are required by the Community Preservation Act - 10% must be set aside or spent on: historic preservation; community housing; and open space preservation. The balance of CPA funds are not reserved for any particular CPA purpose, but must be spent on CPA-eligible projects. To be funded, a CPA project needs the favorable recommendation of the CPA Committee and, then, Town Meeting approval.

Easton's most significant participation in the CPA is Town Meeting's approval of $7.5 million in CPA funds to assist with the Ames Shovel Works redevelopment project, an affordable housing and historic preservation project. Of this amount, $3 million was to purchase a historic preservation restriction on the property and $4.5 million was a loan in support of the project. These monies are authorized but will not be spent until the appropriate stages of completion of the project.

Projects approved this year include: funding for restoration of the masonry of the historic building housing town office ($120,900); restoration of the roof of the Library ($70,000); restoration of historic aspects of the building housing the Children's Museum ($38,587); preservation restriction enabling the protection of the Governor Ames Estate ($500,000); third year of funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Master Plan ($250,000).

The Town's previous CPA expenditures are:
Historic Resources:
$88,000 to conduct a multi-year Historic Resources Survey;
$30,000 to restore the historic Pine Grove Cemetery upon the transfer of its ownership to the Town;
$15,700 for restoration work on the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall in exchange for a historic preservation restriction;
$250,000 for restoration work on the exterior of the Unity Church (the Town already holds a historic preservation restriction);
$69,400 for the Ames Free Library's restoration of the Town-owned Italian Gardens behind the newly-renovated library;
$360,000 was authorized by Town Meeting for the acquisition of a historic preservation restriction on the Dean Mill; this funding was not used and reverts to CPC balance;
$100,000 - Olmsted Rockery - restoration project;
$380,000 - Unity Church - restoration project/historic preservation/public access restriction;
$5000 - Historic Preservation Plan;
$3000 - WWI Monument - restoration project; and
Up to $140,000 funding (with matching state grants) to support the exterior restoration of the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall.
$120,000 funding for Phase II of the Queset Garden restoration at the Ames Free Library

Open Space and Recreation:
$25,252 for the construction of a pocket park at 80 Center Street;
$375,000 for purchase of 14 acres of open-space land on Massapoag Ave.;
$142,614 - Olmsted/Richardson School - playground creation project;
$1.375 million purchase price – 40 acre parcel of land located on Dean Street;
Feasibility studies for the creation of new recreation fields on Town-owned parcel on Foundry Street and parcels on Depot Street, Washington Street, and Williams Street;
$2.3 million purchase of multi-use recreational field fields at Chestnut Street; and
$500,000 purchase of a conservation restriction at the Governor Ames Estate;

Community Housing:
$425,000 for the first year of the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan;
$15,000 for an update to the Easton Affordable Housing Production Plan;
$13,600 for feasibility studies for two affordable housing projects. Those studies included engineering and other review work of two Town-owned parcels of land to determine their suitability for housing construction;
$25,000 - May Institute - four units of affordable housing; and Affordable Housing Plan;
$207,500 for the second year of the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan; and
$25,000 funding to South Shore Habitat for Humanity for the creation of an affordable single-family home on Highland Street.

The Committee meets on a monthly basis at the Town Offices and more often, as needed. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage the public to attend. We hold one public hearing each year and report to the Town Meeting on an annual basis. We can be reached through the Easton Town Offices, 136 Elm St. Easton, MA 02356.

Respectfully submitted
For the Committee
James Lee, Chairperson

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To The Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

We, the Members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following Annual Report for the Year 2012.

The Board of Appeal's responsibilities are to hear applications filed for Special Permits, Variances and Administrative Appeals pursuant to Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws and Comprehensive Permits pursuant to Chapter 40B, Mass. General Laws. Twenty (20) petitions, comprised of ten (10) Special Permits; eight (8) Variances; two; one (1) Site Plan Endorsements and one (1) Comprehensive Permit were received by the Board of Appeals during the year, which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In 2012, Christopher Pike did not seek reappointment to the Board of Appeals upon the expiration of his term. The Board of Selectmen appointed Ryan Cook as a Full Board Member.

The Board of Appeals would like to thank Christopher Pike for his contribution to the Board during his tenure.

	Site Plan Endorsement	Administrative Appeal	Comprehensive Permit	Special Permit	Variance
Petitions Granted	1			9	5
Petitions Denied					2
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed					
Chapter 40B			1		
Continued to 2012					
To Be Heard in 2012				1	1

The Board wishes to recognize and commend all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

The Board would also like to thank their secretary, Ellen Weene, for her hard work and dedication. The Board of Appeals Secretary can be reached at the Town Offices at (508)230-0590.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
Thomas A. Pursley, Vice-Chairman
Paul T. Prew, Clerk
David R. Mills
Ryan Cook
Michael Spillane, Alternate

2012 ANNAUL REPORT OF
THE EASTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

The Town of Easton Affordable Housing Trust continued to actively serve the people of Easton in 2012 through its efforts to assure the availability of housing options for residents at all income levels.

Through the new Homebuyer Assistance Program, the Trust provided grants to two first-time homebuyers to assist with the purchase of existing homes in Easton. When resold in the future, these homes will be priced at affordable levels for moderate-income buyers, at no additional cost to the Town. The program continues to accept applications.

In 2012, the Trust laid the groundwork for our next major initiative, the Home Repair Grants Program. The program will assist current owners with the costs of small repairs to improve home health, safety and functionality. The program aims to help keep continued home ownership a reality for residents. It begins accepting application in early 2013.

The Trust reviewed and provided comment on several items that came before us, including a request for Community Preservation Act funding from a developer and a comprehensive permit proposals at 244 Washington Street.

The Trust continued our efforts to carry out a Town Meeting directive to implement a Mobile Park Bylaw. We supported enabling legislation at the State House, and proposed local bylaw language that was adopted at Town Meeting in February.

The Trust continued our outreach efforts by informing residents of affordable housing opportunities and programs (including resources for seniors, people with disabilities, and survivors of domestic abuse). Our comprehensive brochure and web page were updated this year, callers and drop-ins were assisted at Town Offices, and we hosted an outreach table at the NRT Fair.

The Trust continued to receive administrative and technical support from Tim Harrigan, Community Planner, who devotes a majority of his hours to the implementation of the Trust's action plan and related affordable housing policies and programs.

Trust meetings take place roughly once every two months at the Town Offices and we encourage the public to attend.

In closing, we want to thank Tim Harrigan, Community Planner, and David Colton, Town Administrator for their valuable support.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bonia, Chair; Amy Rodrigues, Clerk; Ellen Barlow; Dan Burke; Steve Merlin; Paula Piccinin; and Christine Santoro.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Easton Housing Authority is an agency that provides safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate income families. The Housing Authority operates under guidelines set out by their regulatory agencies, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Housing Authority's offices are located at Parker Terrace and are open to the public from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday; telephone number: (508) 238-4747, Fax: (508) 230-9694, TDD: (508) 230-9695, Email: housingauthority@eastonhousing.com

The Easton Housing Authority consists of a five-member Board of Commissioners, a Chief Administrative Officer and six staff members.

Four of the Commissioners are elected by the Town's people and one member is appointed by the State's Governor.

Members of the Board of Commissioners are as follows:

Thomas Downey – Chairman

Thomas Thibeault – Vice Chairman (Governor's Appointee)

Sandra Conant – Treasurer

Katherine Taylor – Asst. Treasurer

Dennis Sheedy – Commissioner

The Board of Commissioners typically meet at 4:30 PM on the second Tuesday of every month at Parker Terrace, however there are occasions when the Meeting would be held on another day. Please be sure to check the posting at Town Hall.

The Mansfield Housing Authority is contracted to manage the Easton Housing Authority through to October 31, 2017. Mansfield Housing Authority's Executive Director, Michael Forbes, serves as the Easton Housing Authority's Chief Administrative Officer and is directly in charge of personnel and general supervision over the administration of the Easton Housing Authority's business, subject to the discretion of the Board Members of the Easton Housing Authority.

The office staff consists of: Dawn Doyle, Housing Administrator and Andrea McDougall, Section 8 Coordinator. Mansfield Housing Authority employee Marsha Sharicz has been assigned to assist in the office for approximately 17 hours per week.

The Maintenance staff consists of five maintenance workers, Gregory Horne, Joao DosReis, Terry Banks and temporary maintenance workers Kevin Sullivan and Stephen Sundell.

Elderly/handicapped Housing:

The Easton Housing Authority manages 184 units of elderly/handicapped housing located at Elise Circle & Parker Terrace.

Family Housing:

There are 10 family housing units: 7 – three-bedroom homes located at Chandler Way, a two-bedroom home located at 26 Poquanticut Avenue, a four-bedroom home located at 50 Day Street and a three-bedroom home located at 28 Barrows Street.

The Authority's State Public Housing (elderly/handicapped & family housing) waiting lists are currently open and the income limits are as follows:

Number in Household	Income Limit
1	$45,100
2	$51,550
3	$58,000
4	$64,400
5	$69,600
6	$74,750
7	$79,900
8	$85,050

Applications for State-aided Public Housing can be obtained on line at:

http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/ph/publichousingapplications/standapp.doc

Applications are also available at the office of the Authority at Parker Terrace. Residents of the Town of Easton receive a preference on the Authority's Public Housing waiting lists.

Section 8 Housing:

HUD provides Federal funds to support the existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Easton Housing Authority presently has 87 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers under lease and administers 3 mobility Housing Choice Vouchers from other Housing Authorities whose voucher holders lease up in the area. Please note that the Housing Authority is not accepting applications for the Section 8 as the waiting list is currently closed.

Other Information:

The Easton Housing Authority received subsidy funds from the Department of Housing & Community Development for a truck lease /purchase.

DHCD allowed a 3% budget increase within their FY 2012 budget guidelines for the Housing Authority's fiscal that began on April 1, 2012.

The Department of Housing & Community Development had approved the Easton Housing Authority's capital improvement plan for 2012 to 2015.

The Housing Authority had completed the following capital projects within 2012: tree trimming & removal at Elise Circle, Parker Terrace, Chandler Way, 26 Poquanticut Avenue, 50 Day Street and at 28 Barrows Street, hiring of an architect for a siding & roof replacement project at Chandler Way, new roofs, gutters & downspouts on three buildings at Parker Terrace, installed a roll-in handicapped shower unit for a handicapped Parker Terrace resident and installed automatic door openers at the community buildings at Parker Terrace & Elise Circle all with capital funds from Department of Housing & Community Development.

The Housing Authority is under a mandate from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to build a sewer treatment plant for the Elise Circle and Parker Terrace developments and have hired Graves Engineering, Inc. to design the new sewer treatment plant with hopes to bid the project & begin construction sometime within 2013.

The Housing Authority has the following capital projects planned for 2013: New siding, roofs and gutters & downspouts for the Chandler Way development and begin with a siding & window replacement project at Elise Circle.

The Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace continues to be the site for Old Colony Elderly Services congregate lunch program, serving hot lunches Monday through Friday for Senior Citizens, and hosts their Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, the Authority donates the use of both the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center at Elise Circle for the use of the Council on Aging's senior center programs, including arts and crafts, dancing and exercise, etc.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Easton Historical Commission (EHC) continues in its efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect Easton's historic and archeological resources. The EHC works cooperatively with the Town's other commissions, boards, and committees to monitor and help guide any effects that development and change can bring to Easton's unique historic character. EHC is available as a resource to any citizen for information and guidance regarding the preservation of historic properties, landscapes, and archeological sites in the Town of Easton.

The EHC thanks the Board of Selectmen, all Town groups, boards, and citizenry of our community for your continued understanding and support in our efforts to preserve our community's unique historic character.

This year, the EHC accomplished the following major progress with regard to the ongoing goals and activities included in Easton's historic preservation plan:

1. The Commission supported, through CPA funding, the Ames Free Library, Town Offices, Children's Museum, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, Cemetery Commission, and Queset Gardens. EHC continues to benefit from the CPA and a number of projects were undertaken
2. Shovel Shops Preservation Restrictions officially signed off by the Board of Selectmen and the EHC
3. A growing number of applications/public hearings related to demo review were accepted and heard
4. MHC Survey Grant final state of Phase 2 Extension of North Easton Village going south was completed in 2012. Phase 3 is underway and completion is expected in 2014
5. Members of the EHC are working on plans to enlarge the North Easton Village Historic Disctrict
6. New camera was purchased to document demo and restoration projects
7. EHC continues to monitor and support Beacon Communities with the construction and preservation of Shovel Shops
8. EHC continues to review and monitor the final restoration stages of Queset Gardens
9. Worked with property owners throughout the year on various restorations, additions, and preservation projects
10. EHC members attend and participate in many inspections, presentations, training sessions, workshops, and other Town board meetings during the year
11. Continued to monitor existing preservation restrictions on various properties in Easton to ensure compliance

The EHC held its annual Achievement Awards presentation, photography contest awards, and presented the Boston Post Cane to Gladys Gay for the second year in a row, on January 21, 2013. The Clement Briggs Award was given to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church for their preservation of Easton's historical landscape. The William Chaffin Award was presented to Dr. Robert Misiewicz in appreciation for his lifelong contributions in the preservation of Easton's history.

The Commission had two members leave, Stephen Donahue and Paul Fitzpatrick. The EHC would like to thank them both for their service.

The Commission welcomes two new members, Brian Berry and Dave Blanchard.

The EHC encourages comments and questions and is eager to assist with issues related to historic preservation in Town. Whether we can help with a restoration/renovation issue, homestead research, or understanding by-laws, please contact us via the Town Offices at 136 Elm Street, North Easton, through our link on the Town website: www.easton.ma.us, or by calling the chairman at 508-238-0373.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie J.L. Deware, Chair
John J. Ventresco, Vice Chair
Brian Berry, Secretary
Edmund Hands
Tim Hurley
Greg Strange
Karen Cacciapuotti, Associate Member
Gregory Galer, Associate Member

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee are to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at $50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings; and to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

The Municipal Building Committee reconvened in August 2012, following a two-year hiatus, to oversee the Easton Middle School Roof Project. The Committee is grateful for the continued involvement of its veteran members, Ralph Vatalaro, Ken Carlson, and Jane Martin, and welcomed several new members, Keith Graveline, Larry Mowatt, and Fred MacLennan.

Throughout the past six months, the committee met and conferred with town officials, various boards and committees, and is working closely with School Superintendent, Mike Green, and DPW Director, David Field, as well as with the Massachusetts School Building Association, on the EMS roof project.

In 2013, the Committee will continue to fulfill its mission to oversee completion of the Easton Middle School roof project, and looks forward to participating in other initiatives to improve school and other town buildings. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the OAHS Principal's Conference Room and agendas will be posted at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J Vatalaro, III., Chairman
Keith Graveline, Vice Chairman
Ken Carlson
Jane Martin
Larry Mowatt
Fred MacLennan

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Easton Recreation Department provides diverse and equitable programs that reach out to the recreational needs of the community of Easton. The department continues to offer quality programming for adults and youth in the community with the limited funding that is available. We are appreciative of what funds the community can contribute to our programs. We are working with a full time Program Director, part time Program Assistant and a seven member Recreation Commission. The Commission meets monthly to help guide and further develop the department and its programs. The Commission as well serves as a core volunteer group in support of our Program Director.

Frothingham Hall has allowed us to host a variety of programs reaching out to a much larger percentage of the town. We work closely with the Council on Aging to share space in the building allowing it to feel like a true Community Center. The programs and activities offered during 2012 are listed below.

Youth programs:
Hip hop, Golf, Art, Chess, Flag Football, Musical Theatre, Homework Club, Running Club, Tennis, Karate, Ski and Snowboard Lessons, Volleyball, Road Race, March Madness Basketball, Multi Sports, Kayaking, Swimming Lessons, Swim Team, Full Day Summer Program, Wrestling, Yoga, Tee Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Archery.

Adult Programs and Special Events:
Kayak Adventures, Men's Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Adult Co-Ed Volleyball, Golf, Tennis, Holiday Egg Hunt and Zumba.

The town pool had another successful year. The docks have been invaluable to the pool. This year the pool offered swimming lessons and events that included birthday parties and competitive swim meets.

The Edwin A. Keach facility has been completed and will open in April 2013. Our plan includes building walking, hiking, and biking trails at the facility in the near future.

We are in the process of planning our opening day celebration for the Edwin A. Keach field. We are also working on a scheduling procedure for our fields. All the sports organizations will be contacted when the plan is in place.

The H.U.G.S. Walk was once again a success. The department would like to express our gratitude to the H.U.G.S. organization for its generous donation. This money is used to run the Homework Clun for Easton Middle School students and the late bus. The Homework Club is free to students in grades 6-8. Students stay after school and receive help with their homework from teachers. The late bus is used for children in the Homework Club as well as children who stay for after school activities.

In addition, we are seeking to develop other existing recreational facilities in the town. We are in the process of working on upgrading the Peterson playground and parking for the Peterson playground to make it available to groups for practices and possible events. The playground at this time is totally underutilized.

Furthermore, we continue to seek outside fundraising opportunities to supplement the Recreation Department's budget.

Respectfully,

Robert W. Benton Jr., Chairman, Tana Babbitt, Jennifer Gallagher, Charles Hammond, Meredith Keach, William O'Neill, Derek Plaisted.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2012, the Council on Aging reached out to the 4,899 residents of Easton age 60 or over through our monthly newsletter that was distributed to many business locations around town and was mailed, or e-mailed to individuals upon request. The Council provided approximately 37,000 units of service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach for 2,457 individuals, which is a 10% increase in service over the previous year indicating our services continue to grow and reach more of our older residents despite a budget cut that affected our transportation program from January through June.

We provided 8,303 rides on our lift-equipped shuttle vans for 224 elderly and disabled residents to a variety of local destinations including medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers, the community building at Parker Terrace and Frothingham Hall for Council on Aging programs. There was only a slight decrease in the number of rides compared with the previous year. However, the number of riders increased by 21% showing the importance of this service to our older and disabled residents. We continued our connection with the Brockton Area Transit Authority Dial-a-Bat (BAT) service for transportation to Boston area medical appointments and also provided early morning and late afternoon trips with federal funding from the New Freedom Fund initiative obtained through a BAT grant. Also through BAT, we applied for, and were granted Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) funds to replace our 2003 Dodge van. This new vehicle should be on the road by June 2013.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. Two nurses from Pedi-Care Services, LLC provided foot care and a hearing instrument consultant from Mass. Audiology conducted hearing screenings and minor hearing-aid repairs at monthly clinics. We were able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program, our weekly Tai-Chi, Yoga and Zumba classes. These classes were supported in part with state funds from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. We were fortunate to have fifty volunteers help us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our older residents including bingo, bridge, crafts, cribbage, games, Mah Jongg, recreational poker, Swedish weaving and quilting. Volunteers also helped us deliver meals on wheels to our homebound elders and assisted elders with filing income tax returns and answering their health insurance questions. Twenty-two older volunteers participated in the Senior Tax-Relief program and provided valuable help to the town while receiving a property tax credit for their hours of service.

We are thankful to the many individuals and groups who enriched the lives of our elderly residents through their generous gifts of time and support for the Frothingham Hall Community Center. The Easton Lions Club held their annual cookout and Eye Mobile health screenings for our elderly residents in September here at Frothingham Hall. Students, family and volunteers from Personal Best Karate continued their Turkey Brigade-to-Go and delivered Thanksgiving Dinners to a number of our elderly residents. Children, along with their families and teachers at the Easton Middle School provided wonderful gift bags for elders who attended our Holiday Program or received meals on wheels in December. The Knights of Columbus held their annual Christmas Party for our older residents. We thank the Bristol County Sheriff's Dept., the Easton Police and Fire Departments and senior participants of TRIAD who provided a number of programs which promote the safety and wellbeing of our older residents.

Our part-time Outreach Coordinator made home visits and arranged a variety of home care services for elders by working with Old Colony Elder Services, volunteer groups, and private homemaker agencies. She coordinated educational programs and assisted elders in applying for fuel assistance and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called Food Stamps.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their support of elder services and programs. We are pleased to have the current program space at Frothingham Hall and look forward to working with town officials as plans proceed to upgrade the operating systems, create more efficient program space and restore the historic beauty of this wonderful building, so that it will be a true community center for many years to come.

For more information on programs and services, please contact Dolores Kent, COA director, at 508-238-3160 or by e-mail, dkent@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted:

Rose Friedeborn, Chair
Nicolina Previti, Vice-chair
Marie Healey, Secretary
David Cudmore, Member

Marie Graca, Member
Jean Shearing, Member
Francis Spillane, Member
Dolores Kent, Director

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission is responsible for ensuring that our town-owned cemeteries are maintained for future generations. The Commission is very concerned with the conditions of gravestones and the deterioration due to age and the New England weather. We attempt with available funds to clean, reset, straighten or replace monuments as needed.

Clerk Melanie Deware has continued her work on the Cemetery database. Clerk Deware has visited all town-owned cemeteries in recent years to verify records. An update of this database was completed in December. The Commission thanks Clerk Deware for her continued efforts in compiling, reviewing, and updating the town's cemetery records.

Pine Grove Cemetery located at 5 Morse Road was gifted to the Town in 2009. In September 2011 the final legal work was completed and the Town became the official owner of Pine Grove Cemetery. In November 2012 a Request for Proposals for a Conservation and Development/Expansion Master Plan for Pine Grove Cemetery was issued. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded to the successful bidder in February 2013. The Commission has determined the need to obtain state and local funding sources to develop and restore Pine Grove Cemetery in order to allow the cemetery to continue to be used as burial site for Easton residents. The Commission estimates that there will be approximately 180 available burial plots in the future.

The Commission in connection with the Easton Lions formalized an Adopt- A-Cemetery Program. This program has been successful with approximately 25 town owned cemeteries being adopted by citizens and civic organizations. Further development of the program will provide training to those adopters who are interested in cleaning stones. All program participants are committed to insuring that our historic cemeteries are properly maintained.

We would like to thank DPW employees Paul O'Neil, Bill Casey, John Ames, and Steve Flaherty for the job in mowing and caretaking of the town-owned cemeteries.

We would also like to express our appreciation to town officials, department heads, and Easton residents for their support throughout the year.

The Commission can be reached by calling 508-230-0581.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Minsky, Chair
Melanie Deware, Clerk
Susan Henderson

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton.

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2012.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the Sixteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed the Regional Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan; the 911 Feasibility Study for eight communities; the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study; the 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; and the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) recently completed a 2012 Elder Needs Assessment Survey project, and is in the process of developing the 2014-2017 Area Plan on Aging. The Council also completed the FFY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity and Livability Study; the Old Colony Bottleneck Study; the Old Colony Climate Change and Roadway Runoff Study; and provided numerous Intersection/Technical Studies to member communities and continued participation in the South Coast Rail Taskforce and provided technical assistance to Bridgewater, Easton and Stoughton relevant to rail service. The Council also provided technical assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program such as; regionalization of local services (Water, Wastewater, 911, Procurement, Sharing, Permitting, etc.); zoning bylaw revisions; expedited permitting; E-Permitting; Economic Target Area; assisted member communities in becoming Bio-Ready; Developed Housing Production Plans; Growth Impact Analysis; and Energy Zoning Bylaws update. During the past year, with the assistance and guidance from the AAA Advisory Committee, the OCPC-AAA administered more than $1.3 million in federal and state funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like nutrition, transportation, day care, legal services, and others to the more than 90,000 persons age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program conducted over 1,441 visits to nursing and rest-homes, investigating over 584 issues of concern from residents or families. OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield and Stoughton. During 2012, the Council processed approximately $1.7 million in loans, for these communities, under the Septic Loan Program.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2012, the Council elected Robert G. Moran, Jr., of Brockton as Council President; Lee Hartmann of Plymouth as Council Treasurer; and, Fred Gilmetti of Whitman as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Rita Howes for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Stephen Donahue, Alternate

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

Where the Community Connects

"We had a wonderful visit to the Library. The place seemed effervescent - used and enjoyed by happy readers and kept in wonderful shape." Professor Joseph Connors, Harvard University, visiting library with students on October 6, 2012. Below are statistics corroborating the library's 'effervescence':

PRODUCTIVITY MEASURES	*FY2012*	*% CHANGE FROM FY11*
Circulation	183,891	1.1%
Program Attendees	10,767	5.5%
Computer use	9,724	17.6%
Registered borrowers	12,688	4%
Hours Open	2,515	0.4%
Volunteers – non-subsidized	441	37.3%

NOTE: As of this report, the library will use fiscal year statistics (State Aid Annual Report Information Survey).

The library had the sixth highest circulation in the 73 library SAILS consortium, testifying to the hard work put in by staff in the selecting, marketing, organizing, and disbursal of material. However as Albert Einstein noted *"not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."* While the above statistics provide a quantitative sketch of library activity, the qualitative reality is far richer. Below is a snapshot of some of the things that could not be counted.

Library Attendance

Seniors gathered around newspapers and swapped news analyses. Students used in-house reference material for end-of-year projects. Caregivers read picture books to toddlers. Tutors conducted one-on-one sessions with their charges. Laptop users made the most of free wireless services to access online databases. Staff proctored online exam-takers. At least one thousand books and magazines were picked up from tables every quarter, testimony to their use within the library. In short, the ability of a public library to make every type of person feel equally entitled, enlivened and empowered was fully realized, as suggested by the more than 350 people who, on average, visited the library each day.

Programs

In addition to over 300 children's programs and 'Miss Cathie's' wildly popular storytelling and book discussion sessions held 26 times each month, adults too were offered a wide variety of informational, educational, and recreational programs. The majority of these programs were volunteered by Easton residents who not only had skills, but the generosity to share those skills with their neighbors at the library.

- The Foodie Group, under the stewardship of Easton residents Bobbie Anderson and Carolyn Cole, offered programs on extending the harvest, cheesecakes, beekeeping, seed saving techniques, bread-baking, organic shopping, cranberries, holiday traditions, a field trip to Wegmans, a spectacular Middle Eastern feast by Hala Williams and an all-day workshop on wood fired oven making.
- The Author series saw talks by Deek Diedricksen, Kristi Marsh, Margot Livesey, Tom MacDonald, Kevin Symmons, Andrew Godstein, Ben Boone, Michael Keith, Cheryl Savageau, Deborah Hill, Rick Tulipano, A.M.Hodges, and Arnie Casavant.
- The Craft series, partially sponsored by the Easton Cultural Council, taught book art, rug hooking, necklace making, felting, and weaving.
- A new Beading Group was launched under the able guidance of staff member Debbie Adduci, while the Knitting Group started and managed by Kathy Korona continued its successful growth.

- A series of twenty book discussion sessions were held through the year and featured fiction, non-fiction, historical fiction and classics.
- In addition to one-on-one computer classes, monthly *Tech Talks* with Kevin Kidd, Brian O'Neill and others informed the community about E-books and Overdrive; the potential of community media outlets like ECAT and Patch, Google Maps, digital photo management, and web development.
- Financial series featured talks on job hunting, social security, retirement planning, and college financing.
- Informational series ranged from fado music, celestial navigation, mediation and Qi Gong to art at the MFA, cemetery symbolism and the history of fires by Capt. Jeffrey Webster of the Easton Fire department.
- Educational workshops were presented on cancer, genealogy, color coordination, green cleaning, antiques appraisal, guitar playing, and dealing with identity theft.
- Monthly screenings of first run movies by Whitney Brown; Foodie Group movies aimed at food awareness; and documentaries hosted by award-winning filmmaker, Gino del Guercio, continued through the year.
- Walking tours with historian and naturalist, Ed Hands, were heavily attended.

"Where the community connects"

The staff of the library brainstormed to create a byline for the library five years ago. That byline, urging community connection, continued to be given heft and substance as evidenced by some of the institutional collaborations listed below:

- Southeast Rehabilitation Center – joint programming and hosting of monthly visitors from the Center with readings by volunteer, Nancy Carter.
- Oakes Ames Memorial Hall – hosting of programs including launch of Summer Reading initiative in June.
- Girl Scouts – collaborating with the Family Fun Day.
- Unity Church – worship in the Garden with use of library facilities.
- Easton Yoga Center – morning yoga in the Garden.
- High School Drama Group – staging of student-directed *Midsummer Night's Dream* at Garden.
- Council of Aging – delivery of library material to homebound and monthly book discussions with Adult Services librarian, Ian Dunbar, at the COA location.
- SnapMass – national initiative in April, to capture the day in the life of the library through pictures and statistics.
- Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra – performance by members as the *Halcyon Winds* with Easton resident Steve Straus.
- Friends of the Ames Free Library – book sales and 4th Annual Spring Social Pub Night fundraiser.
- Easton Community Access Television presented the library with a "Partner of the Year" award for the many joint programming collaborations undertaken over the year. Library programs were filmed, archived and made available to the community through the ECAT site.
- Cathie Coyne hosted the MLS Youth Services Section, a monthly meeting of youth services librarians from the state.
- Lorraine Rubinacci hosted a pizza and ice cream party to thank over 400 library volunteers.
- To talk about potential collaborative programs in 2013 if the library were to get a Baby Boomer grant,

  Ian Dunbar and Joan Holt visited with over 80 residents at Queset-On-The-Pond. In addition, small business owners were invited to present what programs they might be able to offer; and 43 Easton boomers were invited for what turned out to be a stimulating evening of brainstorming on the needs of Boomers.
- The Bocce Court was inaugurated by resident George Balestino to host a successful fundraiser for the Boston Children's Hospital.
- Representatives from Stonehill College, that included Vice President for Advancement, along with other heads of departments, met with library representatives to discuss collaborative programs at the library.

- The library continued to host the annual NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month), a nation-wide initiative to bring together amateur novel writers.
- The library also hosted a week long 'Food for Fines' initiative and was able to donate over 30 boxes of edibles to the Easton Food Pantry.

Fundraising

Accelerating new ideas and decelerating old buildings tend to create a perfect storm of financial needs that surpass a working day budget. To feed these needs, the library embarked on an aggressive round of fundraising.

- The library was successful in its bid for a competitive federal grant from the Library Services and Technology Act aimed at providing a focus on 'Baby Boomers' in Easton and from the Easton Cultural Council to support art programs for young adults.
- An Annual Appeal letter was sent out in mid-November.
- A Bricks for Books program was initiated to continue till Memorial Day 2013.
- There was cooperative fundraising with the Garden Club and the Shovel Town Cultural District.
- The library's Knitting and Beading Groups sold their creations to fundraise for the library.

Budget

In FY12, the library was in full compliance with the materials expenditure requirements and open hour standards as set by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. 48% of the budget was fulfilled by private endowments; 43% by municipal and state government; 5% through fundraising efforts coordinated by Marion Wingfield; and 4% though other sources such as fines and fees. The library per capita expenditure for residents worked out to less than $19 per annum.

Facilities

- The second phase of the restoration of Queset Garden saw the completion of handicapped access, brick walkways, the stage/loggia, and ornamental gates. The 100-year old dream continues to come alive, thanks to Community Preservation Act grants and individual donations; as well as the supervision of restoration architect James Thomas and volunteer upkeep by the Friends of the Easton Public Gardens and resident Paul Berry.
- A Bocce Court was created behind the stage area, thanks to the benevolence of a number of residents.
- Restoration funding for the roof of the William Hadwen Ames Memorial Children's Room was secured from a Community Preservation Act grant, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Fanny Holt Ames bequest and community fundraising through a 'Raise the Roof' raffle.
- The David Ames book collection stored at Stonehill College was moved to the Queset House library room.

Board and Staff

- It was with deep sadness that the library lost its long-standing Treasurer, Joe Murphy, who passed away in June.
- The end of June also saw the retirement of beloved library Director, Madeline Miele Holt, who had successfully served the library for almost 14 years. A fitting finale to her career at the library was a trip to Philadelphia to collect the award for '2011 Best Small Library in America – finalist'.
- The job of Assistant Director was split between Head of Youth Services, Cathie Coyne and new hire, Jason Bloom, who also took on the role of Head of Technology and User Experience.
- All staff were incredibly productive in voluntarily taking on responsibilities in areas such as social media, publicity, grant writing, programming and volunteer management. This was done in addition to their regular duties, and in many cases, during their personal time. They are to be commended.
- All library staff volunteered two hours each at *My Brother's Keeper* to help with Christmas donations.
- Thanks are due to a Board that was energetic, knowledgeable, proactive and supportive. Special mention goes to Jim Fowler for his meticulous budget sheets and to Dan Murphy and staff for their assistance during a period of change.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Uma Hiremath, Executive Director

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2012. The total amount distributed by all three funds for 2012 was almost 5% more than the total amount paid for 2011. Dividend income from common stocks held in the portfolios accounted for forty six percent of the total income earned with the balance coming from interest income earned on fixed income securities and certificates of deposit.

Though investment returns are increasing, the markets are still unpredictable. The Trustees will continue to work closely with investment advisors to assure that portfolio quality remains high and that income available for distribution is as high as prudent management permits.

	Book Value	12/31/12 Market Value	2012 Income Paid to Town
Highways Fund	$5,383,924.64	$6,941,977.76	$200,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	$237,770.45	$285,501.81	$10,500.00
Schools Fund	$4,645,656.80	$6,001,551.91	$215,000.00

Respectfully,
James S. Thomas, Trustee

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Income	Donors	12,000.00
	Rentals	19,245.00
	Investments	4,000.00
	Total Income………….	35,245.00
Operating Expenses		
Salaries/Fees:	Rental Agent	3,000.00
	Custodian	2,120.00
		5,120.00
Utilities:	Heating Oil	8,765.00
	National Grid	3,008.81
	Columbia Gas	538.41
	Town of Easton- Water	557.89
	Waste Management	1,161.54
	Verizon Telephone	572.00
		14,603.65
Fire Safety:	Town of Easton- Sprinkler Fees	529.71
	Sprinkler Inspections (4)	1,400.00
	Sprinkler System Maintenance	606.60
	Fire Extinguishers Inspection	112.50
		2,648.21
Insurance:	Liability and Workers' Comp.	774.00
Miscellaneous:	Furnaces (4) repairs/maintenance	4,362.00
	Plumbing	1,020.00
	Hardware &Cleaning Supplies	347.54
	Internet, Web Page	219.88
	Chair & Carpet Cleaning	310.00
	Window Repair, Refinish (4)	2,215.00
	Upstairs Pantry: Plaster, Paint	2,321.00
	Tax Preparation	300.00
	Other	2,000.00
		13,095.42
	Total Operating Expense	36,241.28
	Net Income <Deficit>	<996.28>

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

This year marks the 53rd anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The project was established in 1958 in response to numerous cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, our project has greatly reduced exposure to this arbovirus and to the newly introduced West Nile Virus.

Much has changed in recent years. New technologies and products are now available to help monitor and suppress the presence of mosquito borne diseases. Our project has embraced new innovations to help us serve the public with greater efficiency. For example, GPS guidance systems have been installed in our spray trucks. These devices enable our workers to effectively schedule and conduct early morning applications, document application routes, and tell us where "no spray zones" exist in any particular neighborhood. We have also adopted more environmentally responsible products for our larvicide and adulticide applications. We did this in order to be a better steward of the environment and reduce any unwanted effect on non-target organisms. We still continue our practice of surveillance through trapping and sending specimens to the Massachusetts Department of Health for testing.

During the 2012-mosquito season, over 45,847 mosquitoes were tested. There were 100 isolations of EEE with three collections from human biting mosquitoes and no human cases for the County. We had 49 mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with one reported human. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV.

Our project continues its efforts year round. In the Fall and Winter seasons, our goal is to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. We clean and maintain drainage ditches, culverts, and streams. Where feasible, we conduct open marsh management projects in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

During the time period January 1, 2012– December 31, 2012 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 15,030.7 acres
- Treated 22.7 acres in 76 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received 1,826 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 4,235 feet of brush
- Cleaned 410 feet of ditches by machine
- Treated 1,399 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways people can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs including; speaking at public health events, visiting local schools and senior centers, and creating informational posters for distribution. Our Project has also recently created a website www.bristolcountymosquitocontrol.com to better communicate with and relate important information to our cities and towns.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Easton for their continued support and cooperation. Our project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the projects efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer E. Dacey
Superintendent

December 30, 2012

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the **Easton Cultural Council (ECC)** is to award grants based on an allocation received annually from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The ECC's goal is to support public programs that promote education, diversity, excellence in and access to the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Its mission is to directly affect the residents of Easton, to achieve the greatest community benefit, and to cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation. The ECC endeavors to make cultural opportunities accessible to all segments of the population, including but not limited to, all racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, veterans, women and children. We are pleased to say that we were able to fund several programs that will enrich the lives of Easton townspeople of all ages and backgrounds.

This past granting cycle we had 10 active members: Chair Christine Junge, Co-chair Debbie Newman, Secretary Peggy Flynn, Treasurer Richard Connolly, Frank Smith, Linda Paolucci, Peter Buhl, Kate Mensch, Carolyn Cole, and Inez Smz.

The Council received the same amount of funding from the state as last year--$5070. At one point this amount was higher, but it got cut due to state budget shortfalls, and as remained at this lowered amount. Obviously, the less money we receive, the less money we can give out to local artists and cultural programming. During October of 2012, the Council received thirty-two applications, requesting funding totaling $16,454. After a series of meetings and deliberations, including interviews with several of the applicants, we voted in December 2012 to approve twenty-one of those applications for a total of $5,212 (5070 from state + $142 from cash and past abandoned grant funds) for programs or performances to take place in 2013.

As it has for the past two years, the Easton Cultural Council held a LCO program of its own—The Easton Lantern Parade. This year's event was held on Sat, August 25. It was moved inside because of the EEE scare. The Oakes Ames Hall generously lent us their building free of charge. The Council's Lantern Walk began well before dusk at the Historical Society located at 80 Mechanic Street and preceded to the Hall, where there was music (performances by Wayne Potash and Jubilate Chorale), activities (such as face painting), and refreshments. It was estimated that over 100 people of all ages attended. Some of the funding for the walk came for the State Cultural Council. Local businesses such as Roche Bros., Shaws, a printing company, Jubilate Chorale, and others donated money, gift certificates, or their time to the event. This year, we plan to solicit sponsorship from a community bank.

Easton Cultural Council members are allowed to serve only six consecutive years. In June of 2012, two members had to step down because of this term limit. We were proactive and recruited members before this date, using ads in local newspapers and internet mailings. Today, with ten members, we don't have a problem meeting the five member minimum that is in place in order to receive and distribute the annual state grant. If interested in becoming a member of the Council, please contact Christine Junge for information at: christinejunge@hotmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Junge, Chair

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) was initiated in 1993 with a mission "to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities that desire to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently." The nineteen member communities of SERSG benefit from shared administrative services provided by a regional administrator. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004. SERSG's work is supported by dues from the member communities, and dues have not increased since 2003.

Annual procurements designed to save municipalities time and money are a major part of SERSG's services. Cooperative procurements for Paper and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring of 2012. More than fifty supplies are procured for public works projects, and in the fall, SERSG coordinated procurement of more than twenty categories of DPW Services.

As a participant in SERSG's office supply contract with Universal Business, Easton enjoys a discount of 65.63% off the list price of non-excluded office supplies in the S.P. Richards wholesaler's catalog. Based on projections, Easton will have saved about $60,000 off list prices for fiscal year 2012 for purchased office supplies. The Town also pays a fixed competitive price for cartons of paper through the SERSG paper contract with W.B. Mason.

The estimated value of supplies and services procured for the Easton Department of Public Works totaled more than $2 Million. In addition to the savings of time due to SERSG handling the entire procurement up until contract execution, additional savings per year result from contract pricing. For example, Easton has a contract price of $63.45 per ton for hot mix asphalt and the lowest price available on the state bid is $68 per ton. For washed sand for ice and snow removal, Easton pays $11.74 per ton while the latest available state contract price was $14.91 per ton and up. A survey of five varieties of stone items indicates SERSG's prices were lower than the lowest state contract price by an average of more than $4.00 per ton.

In addition to an annual survey on snowplowing rates and payment policies, SERSG explored the idea and collected several proposals to facilitate and subsidize a hoisting license training for DPW and Highway Department personnel. This may involve co-sponsorship with the Plymouth County Highway Association and conversations and negotiations are ongoing.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Easton Data Processing Department provides computer and technical support and service for the Easton Town Offices, the Department of Public Works, the Water Division, the Police and Fire Departments and the School Business Office. Data Processing is responsible for 21 servers, 109 desktop computers, 38 notebook computers and 6 iPads. All sites are connected with Town owned 1GB fiber optic lines except Fire Station #2 which is connected using a secure virtual private network connection via two Comcast cable modems and Sonicwall firewalls. All of the town departments access the Internet thru a single Verizon FiOS line with a backup Comcast Internet connection at the Town Offices.

The process of virtualizing servers at the Police Station which commenced in 2010 finally finished in October of 2011. There are now virtual servers for Fire and Police dispatch as well as the DPW, Water and School Department. The storage array is at the Police Station is receiving volume replicas from the Town Offices storage array. The storage array at the Town Offices is also receiving volume replicas from the Police Station storage array nightly. We now have a disaster recovery plan which will enable us to bring all servers up and online within a matter of hours should one of the two buildings suffer a catastrophic event. The Town now has 14 virtual servers which no longer require dedicated hardware. This is a cost saving measure as dedicated hardware would have needed to be replaced on a regular schedule. Additionally, unplugging all this hardware has resulted in a noticeable decrease in the electrical usage at the Town Offices, the Police Station, Water Division and School Business Office. Performance of these new virtual servers has given the town the ability to share and maximize memory and processor usage better than the old physical servers. In the last few months I have migrated all of our virtual servers from the Oracle Virtual Iron environment to the Citrix Xen environment so that I can start upgrading all of our Windows 2003 Servers to Windows 2008 or 2012 Server utilizing 64 bit processing.

Currently we are using an integrated municipal application from a company known as SoftRight out of Westford, Massachusetts. The Town went live with the SoftRight Payroll application On January 1 of 2009. Since that time we have migrated all of our other applications including General Ledger, Budget, Accounts Payable & Purchasing, Fixed Assets, Payroll & Personnel, Treasury Receipts, Collector's Receivables, Tax Title, Water Billing and Trash Billing.

Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

This proved to be another eventful year for the Green Communities Committee. The Committee's mission is "to help educate the Town of Easton on clean energy options and measures that can be implemented to reduce energy use, conserve resources and reduce emissions; to assist in the development of cost effective projects on municipal facilities to reduce energy and resource use and develop renewable energy resources; and to promote awareness of new technologies and their potential impact on energy use and resource conservation".

The Committee continued to hold meetings on a monthly basis. Elections were held during our July meeting when I received the honor of being re-elected as Chair. Easton resident member Andrea Waldorf was also re-elected for a fifth term as Clerk. Members also include Board of Selectmen appointee Ellen Barlow, School Board Committee appointee Colleen Less, and resident and Town employee Karen Gallo. Following the resignation of original member Wendy Whitty, the Board of Selectmen appointed Easton resident Kerri Mullen to the Committee. After graduating from Oliver Ames High School student Hayley Kallfelz departed from her role in the Committee in July. The Committee thanks Wendy and Hayley for their contributions, and welcomes Kerri and new student representative Julia Mudd.
During 2012, the Committee continued to reach out to the community via a variety of media. The Committee thanks Easton's Citizen Business Advocate, Connor Read, for posting and updating information on the Town website's Green Communities Committee page. With input from the Committee, and Connor's help, new member Kerri Mullen coordinated an online survey to examine public interest in rain barrels and compost bins. As the member of staff responsible for developing and maintaining the Easton Department of Public Works website, I continued to update the DPW's "Green Page".

Colleen Less was instrumental in organizing the Committee's fall participation in Easton's Back to School Nights. During this weeklong series of events members distributed flyers on MassSave (a free home energy assessment program), and circulated Committee materials. Members attended the 2012 NRT Harvest Fair where, regardless of rainy weather, outreach materials were distributed and residents signed up for the Green Bytes newsletter. This event served as an opportunity for the Committee to announce the launch of the Town's partnership with Next Step Living, who shared the fair table and supplied a much needed tent. The goal of this partnership is to provide information to residents on the MassSave program. Several fairgoers signed up to learn more about the program's free home energy audits.

The State's Green Communities grant program continued to be a focal point of the green initiatives of the Town and the Committee this year. Easton received its official designation as a Massachusetts Green Community in 2010. Through this program the Town has been awarded $168,300 in grant monies to fund five energy efficiency projects. To satisfy the requirements of the program, and maintain our Green Community designation and grant eligibility, I composed and submitted quarterly progress reports, and Easton's 2012 Green Community annual report, to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

Since receiving its initial Green Communities grant disbursements, the Town has been steadily progressing through contract and installation processes in order to execute its projects. The Town's HVAC Technician and Electrician have completed the installation of energy efficient heating and lighting systems at the Town Offices, Police/Fire Station, and Middle School, and will soon finish a project at the Water Division.

The installation of energy efficient lights at the large High School gym was completed following a whole building assessment offered through the WBA National Grid program. The assessment was at no cost to the schools after recommended efficiency measures were implemented. Both gyms at the High School were upgraded with energy efficient lighting and sensors, funded in part through the Green Communities grant as well as with National Grid rebates.

The combined energy savings of these projects and prior building efficiency upgrades move Easton steadily towards reaching its goal of reducing energy consumption by 20% before the close of FY2014 (a criterion of the Town's Green Community designation). In 2012 I monitored the Town's energy consumption using spreadsheets and the State's MassEnergyInsight online reporting program. Easton's baseline energy year, from which consumption change is measured, is FY2009. While fiscal year 2011 showed a modest reduction of 3% from the baseline, FY2012 showed a significant reduction of about 17%. Easton's overall energy reduction margin can be expected to continue to grow as a result of additional efficiency projects and behavioral changes being implemented throughout Easton's municipal and school facilities.

During 2012 I shared current green happenings at Committee meetings, produced and distributed newsletters and flyers, and participated in outreach activities, including exhibiting materials at the Water Division's Open House in April. The Committee thanks Jack Marsh and the Water Division for welcoming us to their event. Throughout the year I attended sustainability events and organized meetings related to Easton's green initiatives. I also had opportunities to present information to the Board of Selectmen on issues including energy reduction, community outreach, and an updated fuel efficient vehicle policy.

I wish to thank each of the Committee members: Ellen Barlow of the Board of Selectmen, Colleen Less of the School Committee, at-large members Karen Gallo, Kerri Mullen, and Clerk Andrea Waldorf, and student member Julia Mudd for your efforts thus far. Your concern for these issues is clear; your eagerness to address these matters, coupled with your ideas on how to do so, enables the Committee to succeed in its mission. I look forward to working with you all during 2013 in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Marie Edwards, Chair of the Easton Green Communities Committee

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSSION

The Easton Agricultural Commission began its work in September 2011. The seven member board is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to promote, preserve, encourage and facilitate agricultural activities within Easton. The Commission generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

This first full year has been eventful. Shortly after forming, the Commission drafted a work plan, establishing goals and objectives. The first priority was to establish a right-to-farm bylaw aimed at creating a voluntary mediation process for disputes between farmers and other residents. The Town voted at 2012 Annual Town Meeting to adopt the bylaw. A second priority of the Commission's first year was fact finding on ways to support Easton's resurging farming community. Led by Nora Yousif the Commission reached out to the schools and food related businesses to learn better ways to promote opportunities for Easton's farmers. The Commission's third big achievement this year was moving the Easton Farmers' Market to a highly visible and accessible location on Depot Street near the Five Corners. This move was aided by the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, who have hosted the Farmers Market at the Sheep Pasture the past fourteen years. The move proved very successful. Foot traffic increased substantially over the previous year's Market, several new vendors joined the Market and one of the summer vendors, Christine Bertarelli of Simpson Spring, created a winter market at the Spring. This winter market has been very successful. A fourth goal of the Commission was the creation of a Community Garden at Wheaton Farm on Bay Road. Vice Chairman Todd Sandstrum has been instrumental in developing this project which is scheduled to open in the spring of 2013.

Revising its work plan at the end of 2012, the Commission agreed that developing an agricultural planning document would be valuable in guiding the Commission's work over the next many years as well as a tool to help inform the new Master Plan process. The plan would address preservation of prime agricultural lands, revitalizing and sustaining agricultural businesses in town, promoting local agriculture and identifying other potential concerns. The Commission voted to seek CPA funding to develop the plan. The Commission is also seeking CPA funding to construct a parking lot at the new Community Gardens. The new parking area has been long-discussed with the Wheaton Farm Committee and Conservation Commission as an improvement over the current arrangement at Wheaton Farm. The Commission also voted to support the Great Pumpkin contest. Seeds, hybridized specifically to grown oversized, giant pumpkins, were provided to the school children of Easton to grow and bring to a weigh-in at the annual NRT Harvest Fest.

Original member Patty Lynch-Chambers resigned from the Commission and was replaced by Bridget Meigs, an Easton resident, who is the leader of Stonehill's agricultural initiative. At the end of our first year our Secretary Nora Yousif also resigned. Nora made important contributions during her time on the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Hands, Chairman

Todd Sandstrum, Vice Chairman

Nora Yousif, Secretary

Bridget Meigs

Peter Palm

Sean Flynn

Rory O'Dwyer

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Lucia Longhurst, Records Manager & Compliance Officer
Teressa Wooding, Principal Clerk

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2012 was a very busy year overall for the Office of the Town Clerk. This Office conducted 4 Elections, the Annual Town Meeting and 2 Special Town Meetings. In all, over 15,000 voters partook in Town democracy this year. A new position was established in the Office and Lucia Longhurst was appointed as the new Records Manager & Compliance Officer in December. The Town Clerk obtained Master Municipal Clerk certification as granted by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. This designation is currently only held by 22 Municipal Clerks in Massachusetts, and the current Town Clerk is the first Town Clerk in Easton to achieve this designation. The Town Clerk was also awarded the designation of Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk as granted by the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association. Due to new financial regulations, the Office is no longer able to sell Hunting and Fishing licenses fro the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Office continues to utilize the new State online Birthing system, and also continues to scan Birth records from 2010-2000 to microfilm and PDF.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK MISSION STATEMENT

To facilitate the efforts of Easton residents, visitors and employees to access public information in an efficient, transparent and timely manner, To enable voters to avail themselves of the democratic process, to provide high quality service in a courteous and professional manner, to strive to improve both the Office and its employees through habitual innovation and education, to preserve and promote the history of the Town through its historical documents and artifacts, and to comply with Federal, State and Local statutes.

General Powers and Duties

The Easton Town Clerk is appointed by the Town Administrator. He holds the rank of department head. State law provides that the Town Clerk is the official keeper of the Town Seal and the Town's Oath Book. He and both members of his staff are Notaries Public and have the authority to notarize documents signed in their presence. The Town Clerk serves as the custodian of Town records and official documents. He is responsible for the maintenance, preservation and disposition of all Town records. He is required by state law to ensure that Town records are readily available for public inspection.

Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics

The Town Clerk also acts as the Town Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics. He accepts for filing and maintains records of all births, deaths and marriages that occur in Easton. The Town Clerk is authorized to issue certified copies of birth, death and marriage records, and administers adoption and record-change depositions. There is no fee for filing a vital record; however there is a fee for obtaining a certified copy of a vital record. The fee is $20.00 for the first copy and $10.00 for each additional copy (if requested when obtaining first copy). Anyone may inspect vital records *(except out of wedlock birth records may be inspected only by those individuals named on the record)* for the cost of retrieval.

Marriage Licenses

The Town Clerk issues marriage licenses. Persons wishing to obtain a license must file their intentions with the Town Clerk in person (*except for in cases where one person is in the military or incarcerated*) at least three days before the ceremony. The cost of a License in Easton is **$50.00**. The license is valid for sixty days, and may be used for a ceremony conducted in any Massachusetts city or town. The member of the clergy or Justice of the Peace who performs the ceremony must sign the license and return it to the city or town where it was issued.

DBA Certificates

All fictitious name certificates for businesses (commonly known as "doing business as" or "DBA" certificates) are filed with the Town Clerk. The DBA files allow consumers to identify and locate the proprietor of a business which goes by a name other than that of the proprietor. The filing of the DBA certificate also serves notice that the filer claims exclusive use of the name contained in the certificate. Easton maintains a database of DBA information which includes records for the proceeding five years. Once filed a certificate is valid for four years. The fee for filing is **$50.00**.

Dog Licenses

All dog owners in the Town must obtain a license for their dog(s) by the 1st of January annually. A license will be issued only if the owner has evidence of a rabies vaccination which is valid as of the date of issuance. The fee for a dog license is **$10.00** for a spayed or neutered dog, **$15.00** otherwise. A Late Fee of **$5.00 per month** is added if the dog is not licensed by March 1st or within 60 days of obtaining the dog(s). Owners of unlicensed dogs are also subject to violation of Dog Control By-Law fees. If you have four or more dogs, you must obtain a kennel license from the Town Clerk. You also have to receive permission from the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals can be reached at (508) 230-3413.

Town Archivist & Records Manager

Easton is a Town with a long and rich history which is preserved in records contained in the Town Archives. State law requires the Archivist to establish records management procedures for the retention, storage and retrieval of Town administrative and legislative records, as well as respond to requests for public information. The Archivist is responsible for creating indices and employing technologies such as microfilm and microfiche which allow for prompt retrieval of materials in the Town's archival collection. The Archivist also must establish procedures to ensure the secure preservation of the records, such as a climate-controlled vault built and maintained in accordance with state standards.

VITAL STATISTICS

In 2012, The Town of Easton registered the following number of Vital events:

Births:	**173**
Deaths:	**187**
Marriages:	**74**

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

In 2011 the Office issued the following number of Licenses and permits:

Dog:	**1978**
Business Certificate:	**129**
Burial Permits:	**96**
Yard Sale:	**87**
Raffle:	**5**

VOTER REGISTRATION

In 2012 the office recorded the following:

New Voters:	**1713**
Change of Registration:	**4374**
Deleted voters:	**735**

ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS

Elections held in Easton in 2012 were as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY – MARCH 6, 2012

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION- APRIL 24, 2012

STATE PRIMARY- SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

STATE ELECTION- NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Town Meetings held in Easton in 2012 were as follows:

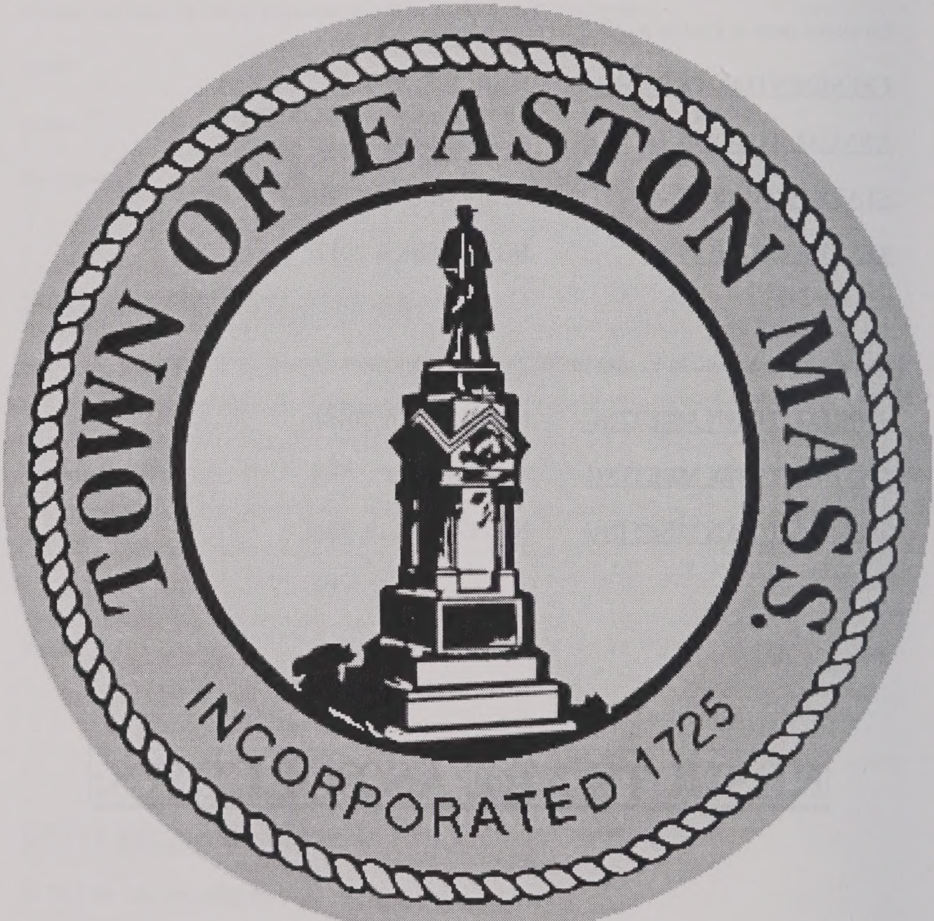
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING- FEBRUARY 6, 2012

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING- MAY 21, 2012

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING- NOVEMBER 19, 2012

RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2012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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #:	**1**
MOTIONED BY:	**Corona**
SECONDED BY:	**Barlow**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**Majority**
ACTION:	**Voted.Article Passes.**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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ARTICLE 1. MOBILE HOME PARK BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to approve that the following Chapter be added as a general Bylaw to the Code of the Town of Easton, subject to, and effective upon, authorization by the Massachusetts General Court, and subject to the insertion of the actual Chapter and Date in Section 1 of the Bylaw.

Chapter 168

MOBILE HOME PARKS

§ 168-1. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to provide, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter __ of the Acts of ___ (the "Acts"), for the regulation of rents for the use or occupancy of Mobile Home Park Sites in the Town, for the regulation of eviction of Mobile Home Park tenants, for the establishment of minimum standards for use and occupancy of mobile home park accommodations, for the registration by owners of mobile home parks, and for the establishment of a Rent Control Board with the powers and duties prescribed herein. In accordance with the Acts, this bylaw and any Rules and Regulations established hereunder exist to ensure equity in the cost of housing for residents of Mobile Home Parks.

§ 168-2. Definitions

For the purposes of this bylaw, the following words shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

A. Rent Board: the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board established therein.

B. Mobile Home: a dwelling unit that is transportable in one or more sections, built on a chassis and containing complete electrical, plumbing and sanitary facilities and designed to be installed on a temporary or permanent foundation for permanent living quarters. A Mobile Home may also be defined by reference to G.L. c. 140, §32Q or regulations promulgated hereunder.

C. Mobile Home Park: a lot or tract of land used for the Sites of two or more Mobile Homes provided, however that Mobile Home Park owned by and between all of the owners of the Mobile Homes in the Park shall not be regulated by this bylaw.

D. Site(s): the land underneath a Mobile Home and the associated lot rented or available for rent from the Mobile Home Park owner or licensee or in the event that the owner of the Mobile Home Park or licensee owns the Mobile Home, the actual Mobile Home and associated lot.

E. Rules and Regulations: rules and regulations promulgated by the Rent Board.

§ 168-3. Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board

There is hereby established a Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board consisting of five (5) residents of Easton, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of five (5) years, provided, however that of the members first appointed to the Board one (1) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, *one shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years and one shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years. Thereafter, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint each successor to a term of five (5) years. Any vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired term. At the first meeting after the start of each new fiscal year, the Rent Board shall elect from its members a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Clerk. No member of the Rent Board shall be a Mobile Home Park owner, a Mobile Home Park licensee or a Mobile Home Park tenant, or have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in a Mobile Home Park located in Easton.*

§ 168-4. Powers and Duties

The Rent Board shall have the following powers and duties:

A. The Rent Board shall regulate: rents; minimum standards for the use of occupancy of Mobile Home Park Sites; registrations by owners of Mobile Home Parks and the evictions of tenants therefrom.

B. The Rent Board shall have all powers necessary or convenient to perform its functions. The Rent Board may make Rules and Regulations, may require information from said owners under penalty of perjury relating to their Mobile Home Park Sites, may sue and be sued, may compel the attendance of persons and the production of papers and information, and may issue appropriate orders which shall be binding on both the owner and tenants of Mobile Home Park Sites.

§ 168-5. Standards for Adjusting Rents

A. The Rent Board, in regulating rents, shall make such individual or general adjustments, either upward or downward, as may be necessary to assure that rents for Mobile Home Park Sites are established at levels which yield to tenants reasonable Site rents based on current economic conditions and, to owners or licensees, a fair net operating income.

B. The Rent Board may make Site rent adjustments at its own initiative; or application for Site rent changes may be made to the Rent Board by owners, licensees and/or tenant(s) of Mobile Home Parks in the Town of Easton. Any application for change in Site rents made by tenants may not be used as a premise for increasing rents or other charges.

C. No proposed rent increase shall be effective without the prior written approval of the Board.

D. The following factors, among other relevant factors, which the Board, by its Regulation may define, shall be considered in determining whether rents for Mobile Home Park Sites yield a fair net operating income: (1) increases or decreases in property taxes; (2) unavoidable increases or any decreases in operating and maintenance expenses; (3) capital improvements of the mobile home park as distinguished from ordinary repair, replacement and maintenance; (4) increases or decreases in space, services, equipment, etc.; (5) substantial deterioration of the mobile home park other than as a result or ordinary wear and tear; and (6) failure to perform ordinary repair, replacement and maintenance.

E. The Rent Board may establish, via its Regulations, further definitions, standards and rules consistent with the foregoing.

§ 168-6. Summary Process

The Rent Board may adopt rules regulating the evictions of tenants at Mobile Home Parks, and the Rent Board may issue orders which shall be a defense to an action of summary process for possession.

§ 168-7. Forms

Any and all statements, applications and other materials submitted to the Rent Board hereunder shall be submitted under the pains and penalties of perjury.

§ 168-8. Miscellaneous

A. The provisions of Chapter 30A of the General Laws shall be applicable to the Rent Board as if the Board were an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including those provisions giving agencies the power to issue, vacate, modify and enforce subpoenas and those provisions relating to judicial review of an agency order.

B. The personnel, if any, of the rent board established under section two shall not be subject to Section 9A of Chapter 30 of the General Laws or chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

C. The Taunton Division of the District Court Department shall have original jurisdiction, concurrently with the Superior Court Department, of all petitions for review brought pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws. Any and all parties aggrieved by the action(s) of the Rent Board may institute an action as provided herein.

D. The Superior Court Department shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this bylaw, and any Rules and Regulations established hereunder, and may restrain violations thereof.

§ 168-9. Penalties

Violations of this bylaw or any order of the Rent Board shall be punishable a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00).

§ 168-10. Severability

If any provision of this bylaw or the application of such bylaw to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of other provisions of this bylaw or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be thereby affected; additionally, the invalid provision shall be interpreted and applied until amendment by the appropriate body to the fullest extent applicable under Massachusetts law and regulations.

Or to take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move to amend the Town's General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 168, entitled Mobile Home Parks, the provisions of which are printed in the warrant, excepting that the first sentence of Section 168-3, as appearing in the warrant, shall be replaced with:

There is hereby established a Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board consisting of five (5) residents of Easton. The Board of Selectmen shall serve as the initial Board hereunder but may elect to appoint other residents. Should the Selectmen appoint other residents, the new members of the Board shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years, provided however that of the members first appointed to the Board by the Selectmen, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, one shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years and one shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years.

And, said Bylaw is to be effective only upon the passage of the Special Act referenced in Section 168-1 thereof, with the identifying Chapter and year of said Special Act to be inserted in Section 168-1 upon passage.

Explanation: At Town Meeting in May, 2011, voters approved a citizen petition requesting that the state authorize the Town to regulate rents and evictions in the Easton's mobile home community. Approval of this article will allow the Town to do so when the Legislature grants its approval. Timothy Harrigan, Community Planner, will provide further explanation on behalf of the Selectmen.

Vote Required: Majority

Voted.Article Passes.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #:	2
MOTIONED BY:	**Barlow**
SECONDED BY:	**Corona**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 Majority**

ACTION: Voted; Declared 2/3 Vote by Moderator

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ARTICLE 2. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL EASEMENT

To see if the Town, acting by and through the Board of Selectmen, will vote to grant and accept a permanent easement, or to take the same by eminent domain and to appropriate of a sum of funds therefore, in association with the Safe Routes to School Program, said easement to secure a right-of way for and to the F.L. Olmsted School, H.H. Richardson School, Parkview School and Easton Middle School, as shown on the Plans prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, dated January 11, 2012, as may be amended, said plans to be placed on file with the Town Clerk's Office no later seven days before the Special Town Meeting, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any necessary deeds, easements, agreements or other documents to effectuate such grant,

Or to act or do anything in relation thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town grant and accept a permanent easement, in association with the Safe Routes to School Program, said easement to secure a right-of way for and to the F.L. Olmsted School, H.H. Richardson School, Parkview School and Easton Middle School, as shown on the Plans prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, dated January 11, 2012, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any necessary deeds, easements, agreements or other documents to effectuate such grant.

Explanation: This article is intended to satisfy State and Federal requirements for the funding of walkway construction for the schools listed in the article. No land will or easements in land will be given to any third party. The affected land is already in town ownership.

Vote Required: 2/3

ARTICLE PASSES. DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #: 3
MOTIONED BY: Noonan
SECONDED BY: Barlow
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: Majority
ACTION: Voted; Article Passes

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ARTICLE 3. AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to amend the fiscal year 2012 budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $118,177 to supplement the following fiscal year 2012 budgets:

ACCOUNTANT	***$ 706***
TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	***1,065***
POLICE	***91,259***
FIRE	***23,822***
AMBULANCE	***506***
COUNCIL ON AGING	***819***
TOTAL	***$ 118,177***

and further, that to meet this appropriation, funds shall be transferred from fiscal year 2012 budgets as follows:

ASSESSORS	***$ 1,345***
RESERVE FUND	***10,000***
DATA PROCESSING	***2,087***
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	***1,758***
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	***12,000***
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	***8,987***
BOARD OF HEALTH	***12,000***
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE	***70,000***
TOTAL	***$ 118,177***

Explanation: This article will amend the FY2012 budget to make adjustments to cover a portion of a "53rd payroll" and several departmental shortfalls. Last year, the town funded 80% of "53rd payroll" that occurs every few years. The remaining 20%, attributable to fiscal 2012, must now be addressed. Individual departments have absorbed their share wherever possible. The net amount to be appropriated is $22,522. The police department is also in need of additional funds in the amount of $15,040 to hire additional dispatchers for the remainder of the year to meet state certification requirements, $6,200 for mandated dispatcher training, $3,199 to cover a sick leave buyback resulting from a retirement and $55,000 to cover increased overtime resulting from several extended injuries. The fire department is also in need of $10,000 to cover expenditures related to the recruitment of a new fire chief and $6,216 to cover additional costs related to retirement buybacks.

ARTICLE PASSES.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #: 4
MOTIONED BY: Murphy
SECONDED BY: Gornstein
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 Majority
ACTION: **Declared 2/3 vote; Article Passes**

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ARTICLE 4. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be transferred to the stabilization fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move to transfer the sum of $133,924 from available funds received from the State to the stabilization fund.

Explanation: This article will transfer a supplemental aid distribution received in the fall from the state into the stabilization fund for future use.

DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #: 5
MOTIONED BY: **Gornstein**
SECONDED BY: **Noonan**
SELECTMEN: **Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE: **9/10 Majority**
ACTION: Declared unanimous 9/10 vote; Article Passes

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ARTICLE 5. PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash, the sum of $245 to pay the cost of a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year.

Explanation: This appropriation will pay for one outstanding bill in the amount of $245 from Aftermath, Inc. which was incurred by the police department.

Vote Required: 9/10

DECLARED UNANIMOUS 9/10 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #: 6
MOTIONED BY: **Corona**
SECONDED BY: **Barlow**
SELECTMEN: **Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE: **Majority**
ACTION: **VOTED, ARTICLE PASSES**

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ARTICLE 6. GENERATOR FOR TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing or by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase and installation of a generator and all related appurtenances for the Easton Town Offices, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $85,000 for the purchase and installation of a generator and all related appurtenances for the Easton Town Offices, and that to meet this appropriation, $45,000 shall be transferred from the FY2012 Maturing Debt and Interest Budget and $40,000 shall be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate account.

Explanation: Power outages related to storms have resulted in the Town Offices being closed for several days over the last year. Extended outages which have occurred locally from Hurricane Irene and the Halloween snowstorm have further highlighted this critical need.

Vote Required: Majority

VOTED. ARTICLE PASSES.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #:	**7**
MOTIONED BY:	**Barlow**
SECONDED BY:	**Corona**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 Majority**

ACTION: Declared 2/3 Majority, ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE 7. FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL HYDROGEOLOIC INVESTIGATION AND ENGINEERING EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER RECHARGE SITES ASSOCIATED WITH FUTURE WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN EASTON

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to appropriate a sum of money by borrowing pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44B, §11, for the purpose of conducting additional natural and historical resources analysis of potential groundwater recharge sites; conducting additional soil and groundwater testing, survey and wetland delineation; analytical modeling of groundwater recharge capacity and mounding; attendance at meetings required to further regional initiatives, preparation of preliminary engineering plans for recommended alternatives, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to carry out said project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $110,100 for the purpose of conducting additional natural and historical resources analysis of potential groundwater recharge sites; conducting additional soil and groundwater testing, survey and wetland delineation; analytical modeling of groundwater recharge capacity and mounding; attendance at meetings required to further regional initiatives, preparation of preliminary engineering plans for recommended alternatives, and further, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $110,100 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take all actions necessary to carry out said project on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: At the Annual Town Meeting in May 2010, the Town of Easton voted to authorize a Phase II Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). Further work is required to complete the CWMP. A presentation will follow regarding the CWMP and the additional work.

Vote Required: 2/3 (borrowing)

Declared 2/3 Vote Majority by Moderator Galas. ARTICLE PASSES.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #: 8
MOTIONED BY: Noonan
SECONDED BY: Corona
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 Majority
ACTION: **Declared 2/3 Majority, ARTICLE PASSES**

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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ARTICLE 8. BC SHOVEL WORKS GRANT OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT

*To see if the Town will vote to grant a non-exclusive perpetual easement to BC Shovel Works LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a principal place of business c/o Beacon Communities, 100 High Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 ("BC Shovel Works") said easement to be located beneath Sullivan **Avenue** near **its** intersection with Pond Street and Mechanic Street for the purpose of a storm water outfall pipe/drain line that is approximately eighteen inches (18") in diameter and is as shown on an plan entitled "Grading and Drainage Plan" labeled "Drawing C3.3" prepared for Ames Shovel Works Apartments, North Easton, MA by Prellwitz / Chilinski Associates, Inc. dated February 25, 2011 and Town of Easton "Mechanic/Pond/Sullivan Area Drainage Map" dated January 2012, which said plans are on file with the Town Clerk, and that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to negotiate and enter into any and all documents necessary to effectuate said grant of easement;*

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move that the Town grant a non-exclusive perpetual easement to BC Shovel Works LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a principal place of business c/o Beacon Communities, 100 High Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 ("BC Shovel Works"), said easement to be located beneath Sullivan Avenue near its intersection with Pond Street and Mechanic Street for the purpose of a storm water outfall pipe/drain line that is approximately eighteen inches (18") in diameter and is as shown on an plan entitled "Grading and Drainage Plan" labeled "Drawing C3.3" prepared for Ames Shovel Works Apartments, North Easton, MA by Prellwitz / Chilinski Associates, Inc. dated February 25, 2011 and Town of Easton "Mechanic/Pond/Sullivan Area Drainage Map" dated January 2012, which is further clarified by the plan entitled "Drainage Easement Plan in Easton, Massachusetts (Bristol County)" labeled "DE1.0," dated January 20, 2012 prepared by Beals & Thomas, Inc, for BC Shovel Works LLC,, and further, that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to negotiate and enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said grant of easement.

Explanation: The existing drainage piping, located in the right of way of Sullivan Ave and Mechanic Street, under Mechanic Street, and in the right of way of Pond Street, contains a drainage pipe that conveys stormwater from the Ames Shovel Works to an outfall adjacent to Pond Street. This pipe has been in existence for over 100 years, however, due to changes in stormwater management laws and policies, it is necessary for the Town to grant a legal easement to the owners of the Ames Shovel Works property to use the pipe in the public right-of-way.

Vote Required: 2/3

Declared 2/3 Vote Majority by Moderator Galas. ARTICLE PASSES.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

EETING DATE: February 6, 2012

EETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

ARTICLE #:	**9**
MOTIONED BY:	**Murphy**
SECONDED BY:	**Corona**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**Majority**
ACTION: _	**VOTED. ARTICLE DISMISSED**

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ARTICLE 9. DONATION OF LAND

To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of land located off of Pond Street currently owned by Elizabeth M Ames and being a portion of Plot 2 as shown on Easton Assessor's Map U17 and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded with Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 1549, Page 1055 more commonly known as Shovel Shop Pond and Shovel Shop Dam. Included in the donation will be the grant of easements to the Town of Easton for the purposes of maintaining, repairing and preserving Shovel Shop Pond, Shovel Shop Dam, spillways and Appurtenant Works as defined by 302 CMR 10.00 Dam Safety by the Town of Easton. Said acceptance is subject to a registered professional engineer employed by the donor filing with the Office of Dam Safety a final formal inspection report indicating that the Shovel Shop Pond dam is in satisfactory condition and shall request a Certificate of Compliance from the Commissioner in accordance with said regulations. Said acceptance is also subject to the recording of a plan depicting the easement locations at Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen
Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move to dismiss this article.

Explanation: Ownership of the Shovel Shop Pond ("Pond") and Shovel Shop Dam ("Dam") will allow the Town to control the water of levels and minimize potential environmental impacts to downstream ponds and streams. The Pond and Dam will be an additional component of the system of dams and waterways currently owned by the Town of Easton. The article is being dismissed due to the fact that, under Massachusetts law, the donation of this land does not require Town Meeting approval.

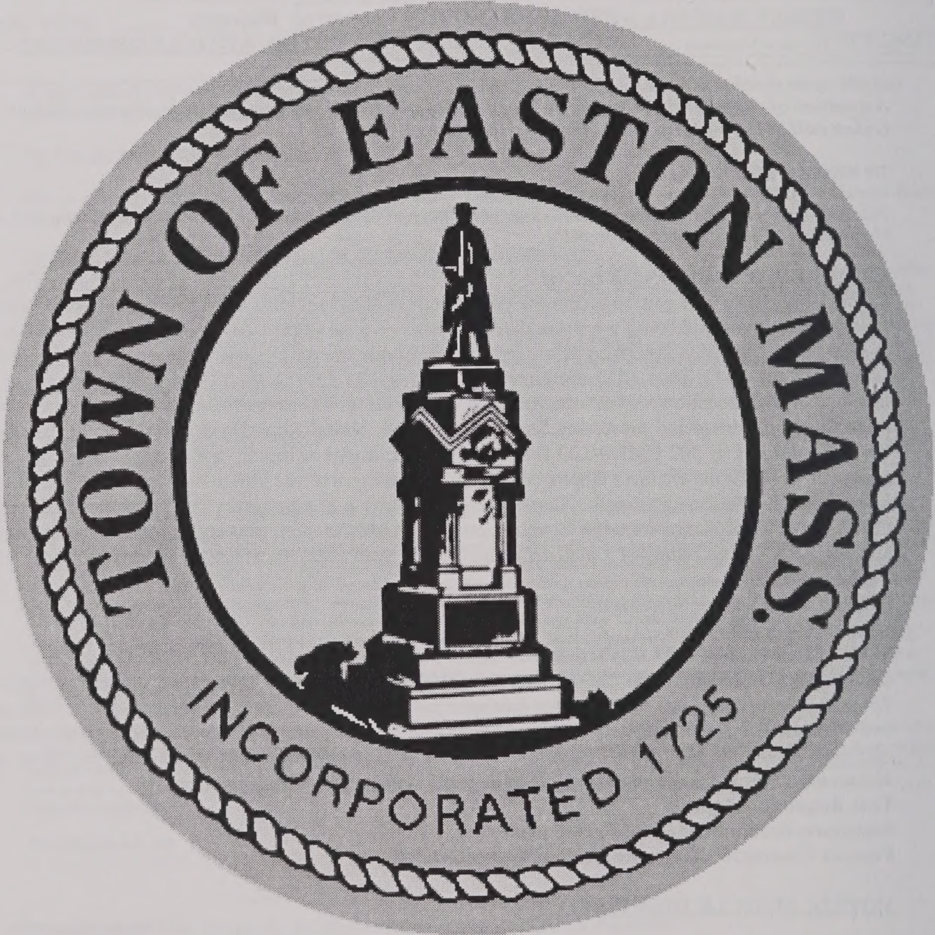
Vote Required: Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

VOTED. ARTICLE DISMISSED

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
Jeremy P Gillis

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 6, 2012


TOWN OF EASTON MASS.
INCORPORATED 1725

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
RON PAUL	10	31	19	24	14	17	115
MITT ROMNEY	134	223	161	289	263	208	1278
RICK PERRY	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
RICK SANTORUM	14	42	21	26	32	27	162
JON HUNTSMAN	1	0	1	2	2	3	9
MICHELLE BACHMANN	2	2	0	1	1	0	6
NEWT GINGRICH	3	16	16	15	9	17	76
NO PREFERENCE	0	1	1	2	3	2	9
WRITE-IN	3	1	1	2	0	0	7
BLANKS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	167	318	220	362	325	274	1666

DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
BARACK OBAMA	14	45	32	48	39	18	196
NO PREFERENCE	6	7	7	13	6	6	45
WRITE-IN	0	0	3	1	0	1	5
BLANKS	2	5	1	3	3	1	15
TOTAL	22	57	43	65	48	26	261

GREEN RAINBOW PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
KENT MESPLAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JILL STEIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HARLEY MIKKELSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO PREFERENCE	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE MAN	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
JOHN F CRUZ			102	152	109	118	481
VAUGHAN F ENOKIAN			45	60	55	51	211
THOMAS W. STANTON			23	50	57	45	175
RICHARD GREELEY	111	176					287
WRITE-IN	0	0	0	4	3	1	8
BLANKS	56	142	50	96	101	59	504
TOTAL	167	318	220	362	325	274	1154

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
MIMI SUNDSTROM			118	191	162	159	630
JEANNIE FALCONE	105	182					287
WRITE-IN	3	1	2	1	4	3	14
BLANKS	59	135	100	170	159	112	735
TOTAL	167	318	220	362	325	274	1666

DEMOCRAT STATE COMMITTEE MAN	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
MICHAEL D. BRADY	18	38					56
OSSIE L. JORDAN JR	3	8					11
MICHAEL C. JOYCE			35	54	40	20	149
WRITE-IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	1	11	8	11	8	6	45
TOTAL	22	57	43	65	48	26	261

DEMOCRAT STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
JACQUELYN BONARRIGO	19	43					62
MARILYN D. SULLIVAN			34	52	35	22	143
WRITE-IN	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
BLANKS	3	14	9	13	12	4	55
TOTAL	22	57	43	65	48	26	261

GREEN RAINBOW STATE COMMITTEE MAN	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
	0	0					0
	0	0					0
			0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GREEN RAINBOW STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
	0	0					0
	0	0					0
			0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
DINO IERARDO	77	144	78	143	106	113	661
GLEN ILAQUA	84	145	79	155	133	124	720
ANNE MARIE MARTIN	96	188	85	176	133	140	818
RICHARD W MARTIN	91	174	82	172	128	129	776
ELAINE K DAHLGREN	80	160	77	148	116	121	702
JOAN HAYWARD	89	155	80	139	120	124	707
AUGUST ARNS	88	157	78	157	117	117	714
WALTER GALAS	78	139	77	141	112	126	673
DAVID NELSON	80	142	77	151	115	117	682
MARILYN NELSON	77	140	75	146	110	116	664
ROBERT FOSTER	82	140	79	140	112	124	677
JOAN CHURCHILL	88	145	82	150	125	120	710

FREDERICK GLADSTONE	87	158	92	169	128	125	759
CHARLES HAMMOND	89	171	86	154	117	121	738
ANN MANN	78	139	81	137	105	118	658
ARLENE KEACH	89	182	106	191	160	135	863
MICHAEL SUGRUE	81	138	73	133	106	114	645
ALVIN SMART	79	145	85	149	113	121	692
BARBARA FOTH LEZBERG	76	143	76	135	110	121	661
MICHAEL R. WILSON	0	0	0	1	0	8	9
MICHAEL WORTH	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ALLAN KATZ	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MARY GOULART	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
GARY TWIARGA	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
DENNIS KENRY	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
STEVE BARTH	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
JOHN HEBB	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
JEFFREY BOSS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
STEVE TUFTS	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
JEFF TUFTS	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
JOHN ZALIS	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PATRICK GOODMAN	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
JONATHAN D BLOOM	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
COLIN GILLIS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
STACY BOSS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WILLIAM AMRHEIN	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	2222	4058	2147	4044	3188	3299	18958

DEMOCRAT TOWN COMMITTEE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
BLANKS	517	1323	1114	1460	1184	621	6219
CRAIG BARGER	14	33	22	40	27	15	151
ELAINE BARGER	14	35	22	41	26	15	153
CHRISTINE SANTORO	15	36	21	44	28	16	160
HARVEY BLACKMAN	14	32	23	40	31	16	156
ESTELLE BLACKMAN	14	33	24	40	31	16	158
PAUL GANGEMI, JR	13	35	20	41	25	16	150
CLAIRE CRONIN	15	36	21	44	26	16	158
ANDREW PARKER	15	34	19	41	26	15	150
MARK MAHONEY	13	35	21	40	26	15	150
CHERYL NIOSI	14	36	21	39	25	15	150
WALTER GALLAGHER	13	36	20	43	29	16	157
JAMES BRETON	13	35	23	39	26	16	152
CHRISTINE QUINN	17	33	23	40	26	16	155
COLLEEN CORONA	13	46	23	45	34	17	178
WREN BARGER	13	33	19	38	25	15	143
ROBERT KANE	17	41	29	50	32	20	189
DONALD FRIGON	12	31	19	40	25	15	142
ERICA SADE	13	34	21	40	27	18	153
JAMES MULLEN	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
JOSE CORONA	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
ELLEN BARLOW	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
KATHLEEN ETTINGER	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	770	1959	1505	2205	1679	910	9028

GREEN RAINBOW STATE TOWN COMMITTEE	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRECINCT	ACTIVE VOTE	INACTIVE VO	TOTAL	# VOTED	% VOTED
PRECINCT 1	1098	282	1380	189	14%
PRECINCT 2	2229	575	2804	375	13%
PRECINCT 3	2026	662	2688	286	11%
PRECINCT 4	2203	547	2750	427	16%
PRECINCT 5	2308	512	2820	373	13%
PRECINCT 6	2033	624	2657	300	11%
TOWN OF EASTON	11897	3202	15099	1950	13%

PARTISAN REGISTRATIONS AS OF 02/15/2012	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	REEN/RAINBOW	UNENROLLED
PRECINCT 1	388	264	1	717
PRECINCT 2	711	463	2	1614
PRECINCT 3	744	405	2	1528
PRECINCT 4	691	491	4	1554
PRECINCT 5	788	422	3	1595
PRECINCT 6	673	455	2	1511
TOWN OF EASTON	3995	2500	14	8519

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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 24, 2012

TOWN OF EASTON MASS.
INCORPORATED 1725

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
COLLEEN CORONA*	78	248	87	238	164	116	931
DANIEL MURPHY*	79	207	72	198	129	100	785
PATRICK GOODMAN	56	154	74	151	67	67	569
MICHAEL MALONEY	72	126	69	112	68	53	500
All Others	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Blanks	31	70	31	82	50	30	294
Total	316	806	334	782	478	366	3082

MODERATOR (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3		Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
WALTER A GALAS*	104	263	114	244	151	128	1004
All Others	0	3	0	1	3	0	7
Blanks	54	137	53	146	85	55	530
Total	158	403	167	391	239	183	1541

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
SCOTT TIMULTY*	101	256	112	236	153	120	978
All Others	0	2	0	2	0	0	4
Blanks	57	145	55	153	86	63	559
Total	158	403	167	391	239	183	1541

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
JENNIFER NICHOLS*	56	261	115	239	153	119	943
All Others	1	3	0	2	0	0	6
Blanks	101	139	52	150	86	64	592
Total	158	403	167	391	239	183	1541

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
DENNIS SHEEDY*	99	255	106	235	145	119	959
All Others	0	8	1	3	0	0	12
Blanks	59	140	60	153	94	64	570
Total	158	403	167	391	239	183	1541

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
COLLEEN LESS*	99	263	103	237	173	128	1003
All Others	2	7	1	8	0	4	22
Blanks	57	133	63	146	66	51	516
Total	158	403	167	391	239	183	1541

TURNOUT

PRECINCT	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
ACTIVE VOTERS	1246	2397	2171	2398	2476	2251	12939
INACTIVE VOTERS	143	420	530	363	352	432	2240
TOTAL VOTERS	1389	2817	2701	2761	2828	2683	15179
VOTED 04/26/2011	158	403	167	391	239	183	1541
PERCENTAGE VOTED 04/26/2011	11%	14%	6%	14%	9%	7%	10%

FINANCE COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Ben Hampton	5	4					9
Robert Mielde*	3	5	19	10	1		38
Richard Mcgrail	3						3
Mike Malone		6					6
All Others							
Blanks							
Total							

FINANCE COMMITTEE (THREE YEAR)

Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
robert Mielde*	3	11	19	10	1		44
James Gibson					2		2
Ben Hampton*	1	6		2			9
Scot Mclennan*	1	7					8
Mike Malone		5					5
All Others							
Blanks							
Total							

*=ELECTED

LOCAL TOWN ELECTION

EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

JEREMY P GILLIS, CMC TOWN CLERK

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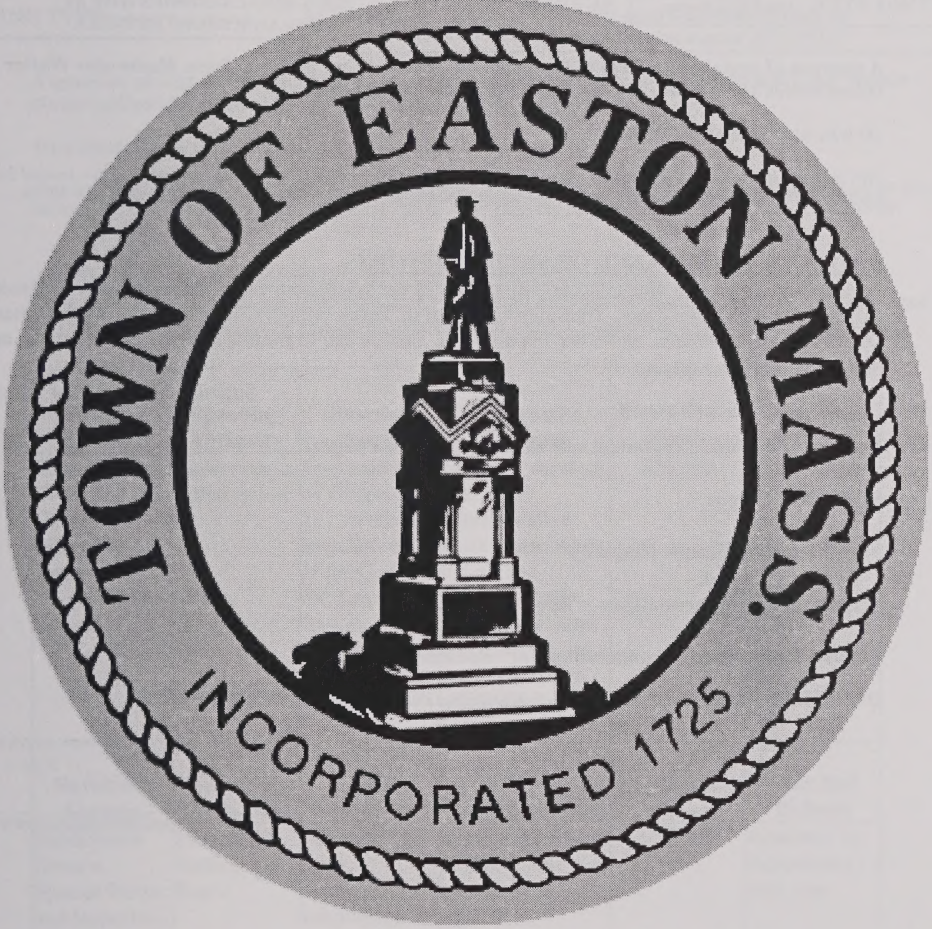
TOWN CLERK

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 21, 2012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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	1
MOTIONED BY:	**BARLOW**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton MA 02356:

ARTICLE 1. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is an annual vote to accept the Town Report.

Selectman: Corona

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jeremy P Gillis

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	2
MOTIONED BY:	BARLOW
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE*

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ARTICLE 2. RE-AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ for the following:

Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Expenditure Limits	Year End Balance
Conservation Commission Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account	Conservation Commission	Fees required by Chapter 227, Wetlands Regulations, of the Code of the Town of Easton	Supplies, services and administrative costs as necessary to aid the Commission in making decisions on conservation applications, or enforcement actions.	$50,000	Available for expenditure next year
Revolving Account	**Spending Authority**	**Revenue Source**	**Allowed Expenses**	**Expenditure Limits**	**Year End Balance**
Subdivision Review, Special Permit and Inspection Fees Account	Planning & Zoning Board	Fees received from applicants for subdivision or special permit approval for application review,	Services of expert engineers and consultants, related administrative costs, deemed necessary by the Board; costs and	$50,000	Available for expenditure next year

		publication of notices and inspections	expenses of application review and inspections during construction; the purchase of software; and any other related expenses.		
Town Clerk's Record Preservation Fund	Town Clerk	Fees and receipts received from a surcharge applied to all certified vital record copies	Supplies, services, and related administrative costs to aid in the preservation, restoration and documentation of the permanent records of the Town.	$10,000	Available for expenditure next year
Recreation Revolving Fund	Recreation	Fees and receipts received from recreational programs and activities	Supplies, services, and related administrative costs for the operation of recreational programs and activities for the Town.	$250,000	Available for expenditure next year

or take any other action with respect thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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IEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	3
MOTIONED BY:	BARLOW
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE*

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ARTICLE 3. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Board of Selectmen, each member	$1,800
Board of Health, each member	$1,000
Board of Assessors, each member	$1,800
Moderator	$ 100

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is an annual article, required by statute, to set the salary levels for all compensated elected officials.

Selectman: Corona

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

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ARTICLE #:	4
MOTIONED BY:	**BARLOW**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

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ARTICLE 4. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind $150,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 28 of the May 15, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, adjourned to June 12, 2006, said funding originally appropriated for the purpose of repainting a water tank, but no longer needed as the project is complete, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Barlow MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Corona

I move that the Town vote to rescind $150,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 28 of the May 15, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, adjourned to June 12, 2006, said funding originally appropriated for the purpose of repainting a water tank, but no longer needed as the project is complete.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	5
MOTIONED BY:	BARLOW
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE*

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ARTICLE 5. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind $160,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 23 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for school boiler and roof replacements, but no longer needed as the projects are complete, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Barlow MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Corona

I move that the Town vote to rescind $160,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 23 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for school boiler and roof replacements, but no longer needed as the projects are complete.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	6
MOTIONED BY:	BARLOW
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS.* ARTICLE

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ARTICLE 6. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind $20,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for repairs to Long Pond Dam, but no longer needed as the project is complete, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Barlow MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Corona

I move that the Town vote to rescind $20,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for repairs to Long Pond Dam, but no longer needed as the project is complete.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	7
MOTIONED BY:	BARLOW
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE*

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ARTICLE 7. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind $55,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for the purchase of departmental vehicles and equipment, but no longer needed as the project is complete, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Barlow MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Corona

I move that the Town vote to rescind $55,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for the purchase of departmental vehicles and equipment, but no longer needed as the project is complete

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	8
MOTIONED BY:	**BARLOW**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

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ARTICLE 8. APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended in anticipation of the reimbursement authorized for the State's share of the cost of work to be done under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is the Town's annual share of Chapter 90 funds provided by the State for road related improvements in the community.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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EETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #: 9
MOTIONED BY: NOONAN
SECONDED BY: GORNSTEIN
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: *DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE*

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ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUND FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Recreation Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2013, known as the "Recreational Field Maintenance Revolving Fund", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and receipts, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies, services, and equipment as deemed necessary by the Recreation Department for the purpose of maintaining recreational fields for the Town of Easton, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies, services, equipment, and implementation costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Recreation Department for the operation and maintenance of recreational fields for the Town of Easton;
2. Only fees, receipts and donations received in connection with recreational field usage and related activities shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Recreation Department shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from fiscal year 2013, "Recreational Field Maintenance Revolving Fund", shall not exceed $50,000.

and further, to transfer a sum of money from available mitigation funds for startup costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Recreation Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2013, known as the "Recreational Field Maintenance Revolving Fund" as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: In 2002 the Town received mitigation funds from a developer in the amount of $50,000 in lieu of constructing a playing field. Since that time the account has gained over $10,000 in interest and has a current balance of $60,822.77. The Town has several recreational fields including Peterson, Pine Street, Unionville, Torie's Place Park and Edwin Keach Park and limited funds for their proper maintenance. The purpose of this revolving fund would be to provide necessary periodic field maintenance in accordance with a schedule to be developed by the Department of Public Works. The fund would be established with the available mitigation funds and replenished through fees and donations accumulated by the Recreation Commission.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**10**
MOTIONED BY:	**MURPHY**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

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ARTICLE 10. AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUND FOR BOARD OF HEALTH VACCINATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2013, known as the "Board of Health Vaccination Revolving Fund", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and receipts, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Health Department for the purpose of purchasing and administering vaccinations for the Town of Easton, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies, services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board of Health Department for the Town of Easton;
2. Only fees and receipts received in connection with vaccination activities shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Board of Health Department shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from fiscal year 2013, "Board of Health Vaccination Revolving Fund", shall not exceed $5,000.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Health

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Health Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2013, known as the "Board of Health Vaccination Revolving Fund" as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The creation of this fund will allow the Board of Health to purchase and administer vaccines with funds received from billing insurance companies. This will allow for earlier and increased vaccinations as the supply of State provided vaccine continues to shrink and arrive later in the season.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	11
MOTIONED BY:	**MURPHY**
SECONDED BY:	**NOONAN**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 11. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money into the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $560,112.73 from Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Trust Fund receipts into the Stabilization Fund.

Explanation: The Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group recently voted to refund $560,112.73 to the Town of Easton. This trust fund was established in the early 1990's from contributions paid by participating communities. Currently, the fund has $2,764,623.54 as a balance. Easton's share is 20.26% or $ 560,112.73. The funds are available for distribution because the SMHG has built reserves of over $11M which are sufficient by industry standards.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	**12**
MOTIONED BY:	**MURPHY**
SECONDED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

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ARTICLE 12. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2012 budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $10,000 to supplement the fiscal year 2012 Reserve Fund and that to meet this appropriation, $10,000 be transferred from the fiscal year 2012 Employee Benefits and Insurance budget.

Explanation: The fiscal year 2012 reserve fund is almost depleted. These funds will allow for additional transfers to be made through year end, should any be necessary.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #: 13
MOTIONED BY: GORNSTEIN
SECONDED BY: NOONAN
SELECTMEN:
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: *ARTICLE DISMISSED*

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ARTICLE 13. PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 13.

Explanation: There are no prior year bills at this time.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE DISMISSED

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	14
MOTIONED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SECONDED BY:	**MURPHY**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 14. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR AND PREVENTION SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the amount of $5,000 to fund a contract for fiscal year 2013 for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as well as services associated with the prevention of sexual assaults and other services associated therewith, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $5,000 by transfer from overlay surplus to fund a contract for fiscal year 2013 for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: We have appropriated funds for this purpose for many years and propose that we continue to make these essential services available in the community.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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ARTICLE #:	15
MOTIONED BY:	GORNSTEIN
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 15. FUND SICK LEAVE BUYBACK REQUESTS AS REQUIRED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $44,000 by transfer from the Stabilization Fund to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract.

Explanation: This article will fund the buyback of accumulated sick time for several members of the police union who have opted to purchase their time in fiscal 2013, rather than upon retirement at higher rates.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	16
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	BARLOW
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS.* ARTICLE

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ARTICLE 16. FY 2013 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the Town charges for the ensuing fiscal year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of $67,370,965 of which $62,543,767 shall be raised by taxation, $1,100,000 shall be transferred from free cash, $6,834 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, $34,709 shall be transferred from the Septic Betterments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, $2,875,155 shall be transferred from water receipts, and $810,500 shall be transferred from solid waste & recycling user fees all to meet the Town charges, including the salaries of several elected and appointed officers of the Town for fiscal year 2013 as follows:

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	AMOUNT
01.120	SELECTMEN	$ 328,872
01.131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	1,500
01.132	RESERVE FUND	60,000
01.135	ACCOUNTANT	191,347
01.140	ASSESSORS	231,700
01.145	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	324,623
01.150	TOWN COUNSEL	150,000
01.155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	182,187
01.160	TOWN CLERK	195,586
01.175	PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	243,460
01.210	POLICE	3,531,892
01.211	PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH	399,874
01.220	FIRE	2,997,147
01.231	AMBULANCE	431,051
01.240	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	279,149
01.310	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	698,795

ARTICLE PASSES

01.400	**DPW ADMINISTRATION**	**2,544,484**
01.510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**	**204,691**
01.541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**	**249,405**
01.543	**VETERANS DEPARTMENT**	**296,743**
01.610	**LIBRARY**	**457,561**
01.630	**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**	**25,450**
01.700	**MATURING DEBT & INTEREST**	**4,986,199**
01.910	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE**	**11,400,876**
01.920	**OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT**	**89,000**
61.450	**WATER DIVISION**	**2,327,402**
61.430	**SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING**	**810,500**
01.300	**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**	**33,731,471**
	TOTAL FY 2013 BUDGET	**$ 67,370,965**

Explanation: This is the annual operating budget for the Town. The Town Administrator and others will make a presentation at town meeting regarding this proposal.

Vote Required: Majority (no borrowing or stabilization)

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	**17**
MOTIONED BY:	**CORONA**
SECONDED BY:	**BARLOW**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 17. APPROVE FUNDING FOR POLICE UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Easton Police Association if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve funding for the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Easton Police Association, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, with costs for Fiscal Year 2013 being funding in the Police Department's Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.

Explanation: This approves funding for the first year cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Police Union. The contract provides for cost of living adjustments of 1% on July 1, 2012, 1% on January 1, 2013, 2% on July 1, 2013 and 3% on July 1, 2014. Funding is included in the FY13 operating budget and is approximately $39,000.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	18
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	BARLOW
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 18. APPROVE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS' CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Southeastern Public Employees Association/Easton Public Safety Dispatchers' Unit if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve funding for the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/Easton Public Safety Dispatchers' Unit, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, with costs for Fiscal Year 2013 being funding in the Public Safety Dispatch Department's Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.

Explanation: This approves funding for the first year cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Public Safety Dispatchers Union. The contract provides for cost of living adjustments of 1% on July 1, 2012, 1% on January 1, 2013, 2% on July 1, 2013 and 3% on July 1, 2014. Funding is included in the FY13 operating budget and is approximately $6,000.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**19**
MOTIONED BY:	**BARLOW**
SECONDED BY:	**MURPHY**
SELECTMEN:	
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED***

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ARTICLE 19. APPROVE FUNDING FOR DPW UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/DPW Unit if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 19.

Explanation: Negotiations for a new contract are still ongoing at this time.
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
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ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE #:	20
MOTIONED BY:	BARLOW
SECONDED BY:	GORNSTEIN
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 20. APPROVE FUNDING FOR CLERICAL UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/Town Clerical Employees' Unit if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve funding for the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/Town Clerical Employees' Unit, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, with costs for Fiscal Year 2013 being funding in the Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.

Explanation: This approves funding for the first year cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Clerical Union. The contract provides for cost of living adjustments of 1% on July 1, 2012, 1% on January 1, 2013, 2% on July 1, 2013 and 3% on July 1, 2014. Funding is included in the FY13 operating budget and is approximately $11,000.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #: 21
MOTIONED BY: BARLOW
SECONDED BY: CORONA
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: *DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 21. APPROVE FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Town of Easton Professional Administrative Employees' Association if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve funding for the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Town of Easton Professional Administrative Employees' Association, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, with costs for Fiscal Year 2013 being funding in the Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.

Explanation: This approves funding for the first year cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Professional Administrative Union. The contract provides for cost of living adjustments of 1% on July 1, 2012, 1% on January 1, 2013, 2% on July 1, 2013 and 3% on July 1, 2014. Funding is included in the FY13 operating budget and is approximately $22,000.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	22
MOTIONED BY:	NOONAN
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED.*

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ARTICLE 22. APPROVE FUNDING FOR LOCAL 2790 I.A.F.F. (FIREFIGHTERS) CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Local 2790 I.A.F.F. if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 22.

Explanation: Negotiations for a new contract are still ongoing at this time.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE #:	**23**
MOTIONED BY:	**NOONAN**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 23. REPORT AND FY 2013 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2013 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

Purpose	Recommended Amount	
Appropriations		
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	$ **57,950**	
Debt Service (Open Space Land Acquisition)	**108,725**	
Debt Service (Chestnut Street)	**82,919**	
Affordable Housing Trust	**250,000** with $107,733	funded from Community Housing Reserves
Reserves		
Open Space	**7,175**	
Historic Resources	**27,499**	
FY'13 Annual Budgeted Reserve	**732,465**	

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues and Community Housing Reserves where noted, the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses, community preservation projects, the payment of debt service and other expenses in fiscal year 2013, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This article proposes the fiscal year 2013 budget for the Community Preservation Committee. Recommended amounts to be funded from estimated revenues for FY13 unless otherwise specified. Estimated revenues for FY13 total $1,159,000.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	24
MOTIONED BY:	NOONAN
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES*

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ARTICLE 24. CPA FUNDING - AMES FREE LIBRARY

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $70,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding repairs and/or replacement of the roof for the Ames Free Library, located at 53 Main Street and listed on Assessors Map U16 as Lot 8; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the proposed repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $70,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the restoration of the roof for the Ames Free Library, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The proposed work includes the restoration of the Children's Library including masonry repairs, installing new clay tiles, gutters, downspouts, and other waterproofing measures.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #: 25
MOTIONED BY: MURPHY
SECONDED BY: GORNSTEIN
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: *DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 25. CPA FUNDING - EASTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $38,587 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of exterior restoration work at the Easton Children's Museum, located at 9 Sullivan Avenue and listed on Assessors Map U16 as Lot 141; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the proposed work approved herein, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $38,547 of which $20,186 shall be transferred from Historic Preservation Reserves and $18,401 shall be transferred from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the exterior restoration of the Easton Children's Museum, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The proposed restoration work at the Easton Children's Museum includes masonry repairs to the historic chimney, repairing the wood siding on the base of the tower, replacing the gutters and restoring the original fire station doors.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	26
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	BARLOW
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES*

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ARTICLE 26. CPA FUNDING - TOWN OFFICES

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $120,900 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding preservation and repairs at the Town Offices, located at 136 Elm Street and listed on Assessors Map U12 as Lot 20; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the proposed repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $120,900 from Historic Preservation Reserves to fund the exterior restoration of the Town Offices, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B; as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The proposed restoration work at the Town Offices includes masonry repairs on all of the historic chimneys and the historic wall on the eastern portion of the building.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	27
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	GORNSTEIN
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES*

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ARTICLE 27. CPA FUNDING FOR GOVERNOR AMES ESTATE

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $500,000 by transfer from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding a conservation restriction on the property known as the Governor Ames Estate, located at 35 Oliver Street, 23 and 27 Sullivan Avenue, 105 Elm Street, and 59 Pond Street, and listed on Assessors Map 12U as Lots 16 and 17; Map 16U as Lots 130 and 131; and Map 17 as Lot 2; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey such restrictions, as required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the purchase of said restrictions, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $500,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the purchase of a conservation restriction at the Governor Ames Estate, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey such restriction, as required under G.L. c. 44B; as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The Trustees of Reservations is working to acquire the Governor Ames Estate in order to protect the historic and natural resources on the site. The Trustee's proposal will preserve approximately 30+/- acres of open space and existing historic structures. The total cost of the project is approximately $4 million, with approximately $2 million to fund the purchase of the property and another $2 million to fund the public access improvements and ongoing stewardship obligations. In 2011, Annual Town Meeting approved $500,000 in CPA funds towards the purchase of a conservation restriction. The Trustees are requesting an additional $500,000 in CPA funds towards the purchase of the conservation restriction. The CPA fund would be reimbursed for this requested appropriation by a LAND grant, in the amount of $500,000, that the Town was recently awarded by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

EETING DATE: May 21, 2012

EETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	28
MOTIONED BY:	GORNSTEIN
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 28. FUNDING FOR REVALUATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $40,000 to pay for expenses related to the FY2014 State Certified Revaluation including annual interim updates, cyclical inspections or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Assessors

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus, the sum of $40,000 to pay for expenses related to the FY2014 State Certified Revaluation as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The Town is required to have its property values certified by the State Department of Revenue every three years. The state certification is scheduled for FY14, requiring the work to be completed in FY13. The additional workload will be managed using supplementary consulting services.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	29
MOTIONED BY:	GORNSTEIN
SECONDED BY:	NOONAN
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 29. FY 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of $1,112,130 for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2013 as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Department Defibrillators	$62,000
Fire Department Radios/Communication Equipment	30,000
Police Department Marked Cruisers (2)	66,000
Police Department Evidence Management System	9,000
School Department Computers & Switch Replacement	105,000
School Department Walking Path Lights at School Complex	25,030
Parkview School Roof Repairs	15,000
Town Computers – Hardware/Software	30,000
Planning & CD Large Format Printer/Copier/Scanner	7,500
DPW Buildings & Grounds Truck Frame Extension for Crane	15,000
DPW Lincoln Street Roadway Improvements	225,000
DPW Sidewalk Snow Plow with Cold Planing Attachment	165,600
Water Division Pickup Truck	20,000
Water Division Utility Truck	36,000
Water Division Dump Truck with Plow	51,000
Water Main Replacement Program	250,000
	$1,112,130

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Gornstein MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $1,112,130 for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2013 as listed in the warrant under Article 29, and that to meet this appropriation, $255,130 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund, $20,000 shall be transferred from available funds received from Stonehill College, $107,000 shall be transferred from Water Surplus, such funds to be applied to the projects as specified in the warrant; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $730,000 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take all actions necessary to carry out these projects on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: This is the annual capital budget for the Town.

Vote Required: Two-thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	30
MOTIONED BY:	GORNSTEIN
SECONDED BY:	NOONAN
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 30. MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT/REPAIR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or authorize borrowing pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 or M.G.L. Ch. 70B or any other enabling authority, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Municipal Building Committee for the purpose of replacing and/or repairing the roof of the Easton Middle School including architectural and engineering expenses and other costs incidental and related thereto, which proposed repair Project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting required educational programs, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town Acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty and sixteen tenths percent (50.16%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. And further, that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee shall be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for the project and take any other action necessary to carry out said project, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman Gornstein, Seconded by Selectman Noonan moved that:

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the amount of one million, five hundred thousand ($1,500,000) dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement and/or repair of the roof of the Easton Middle School including architectural and engineering expenses and all other costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project") which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting required educational programs, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Municipal Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty and sixteen hundredths percent (50.16%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA; and further, that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee shall be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for the project and take any other action necessary to carry out said project on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: The Massachusetts School Building Authority has invited the Town to participate in their expedited repair program, which will reimburse the Town approximately 50% for this project. The total cost is estimated to be $1,500,000, but may be less after Town and State officials fully determine the nature and scope of replacement or repair. The Easton Middle School was renovated and expanded through a previous Massachusetts School Building Authority grant and Town debt authorization. The roof on the existing building was repaired rather than replaced in that project due to funding constraints. This MSBA grant will greatly reduce the Town's share of costs and the impact on operating budgets.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED UNANIMOUS 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**31**
MOTIONED BY:	**Corona**
SECONDED BY:	**Barlow**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES***

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ARTICLE 31. SEPTIC LOAN PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Health

Selectman Corona MOTIONED, Seconded by Selectman Barlow that:

Motion: I move that $1,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $1,000,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L. c.111, s.127B ½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects

Explanation: This article will allow the Town to continue its betterment program through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust to assist homeowners with upgrading failed septic systems through a low interest betterment loan. Last year's program was very successful; $200,000 was approved and funded 8 projects within three months. Two more projects await further funding. Passage of this article will allow for continued promotion and success of this program.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED UNANIMOUS 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #: 32
MOTIONED BY: CORONA
SECONDED BY: BARLOW
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: *DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES*

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ARTICLE 32. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ACTUARIAL VALUATION

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct an actuarial valuation of the Town's unfunded post employment benefits liability, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the town appropriate the sum of $10,000 to conduct an actuarial valuation of the Town's unfunded post-employment benefits liability and that to meet this appropriation, $3,100 shall be transferred from account 01.135.015.6263 voted pursuant to Article 30 of the May 16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting and $6,900 shall be transferred from Overlay Surplus.

Explanation: The actuarial valuation is a financial reporting requirement that the Town must comply with. It will determine the estimated unfunded liability for post-employment benefits other than pensions, which are primarily health insurance benefits. The valuation is good for two years and the estimated cost is $10,000.

Vote Required: Majority

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #: 33
MOTIONED BY: CORONA
SECONDED BY: BARLOW
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: ***DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 33. AMEND SMOKING BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 195 of the General Bylaws in the following manner:

Replace the following definition:

> PUBLIC PLACE – Any building or facility owned, leased, operated or occupied by the Town including school buildings; any building or facility opened to the general public including: libraries; museums; theaters; auditoriums; indoor sports facilities; inns; hotels; motels; educational facilities; shopping malls; public restrooms; lobbies; staircases; halls; exists; entrances; elevators accessible to the public; licensed child-care facilities; bars/lounges; restaurants; function halls/function rooms; healthcare facilities; retail food stores and retail stores. The following are specifically excluded from the definition of Public Place:
>
> A. Inn, hotel and motel rooms rented to guests and designated as "Smoking" rooms.
>
> B. Function halls/function rooms when they are being used for a private social function in which the sponsor of the private function chooses the persons in attendance.

With the following definition:

> PUBLIC PLACE – (1) Any building, facility or land owned, leased, operated or occupied by the Town including: school buildings; Town Hall; Town owned land held specifically for the purpose of conservation and/or active and passive recreation such as conservation land, playing fields, hiking and walking trails; (2) Any building or facility opened to the general public including: libraries; museums; theaters; auditoriums; Indoor Sports Facilities; inns; hotels; motels; educational facilities; shopping malls; public restrooms; lobbies; staircases; halls; exists; entrances; elevators accessible to the public; licensed child-care facilities; bars/lounges; restaurants; function halls/function rooms; healthcare facilities; retail food stores and retail stores. The following are specifically excluded from the definition of Public Place:
>
> A. Inn, hotel and motel rooms rented to guests and designated as "Smoking" rooms.
>
> B. Function halls/function rooms when they are being used for a private social function in which the sponsor of the private function chooses the persons in attendance.
>
> C. Public ways and sidewalks adjacent thereto, owned and maintained by the Town.

Replace § 195-3 which reads:

> This chapter is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Amendment 89 to Article II of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L. c. 43B, § 13. The Board of Health is delegated hereby the responsibility and authority to enforce and administer this chapter, including without limitation, the power to: investigate and respond to complaints, conduct inspections, hold hearing, and assess fines. The Board may re-delegate such aspects of chapter administration to employees or agents of the Board as it may from time-to-time determine.

With the following:

> This chapter is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Amendment 89 to Article II of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L. c. 43B, § 13. The Board of Health and the Easton Police Department are delegated hereby the responsibility and authority to enforce and administer this chapter, including without limitation, the power to: investigate and respond to complaints, conduct inspections,

hold hearing, and assess fines. The Board may re-delegate such aspects of chapter administration to employees or agents of the Board as it may from time-to-time determine.

Submitted by Board of Health

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move to amend Chapter 195 of the Town's General Bylaws, as applicable to smoking in "Public Places," as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: The definition of a public place has been expanded to include those lands held by the town that are used for active and passive recreation. This change will ensure that residents seeking to use these lands and to engage in healthy activities are protected from exposure to second hand smoke. Further this change will ensure a smoke free environment at the playing fields where children and adults congregate.

Public ways and sidewalks have been specifically excluded from this definition.

The changes will also give power to the Easton Police Department to enforce this Bylaw without needing to be further delegated by the Board of Health.

Vote Required: Majority

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #: 34
MOTIONED BY: **BARLOW**
SECONDED BY: **NOONAN**
SELECTMEN: **Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE: **MAJORITY**
ACTION: ***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

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ARTICLE 34. RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Section 189, recognizing the right to farm, as follows:

Section 189 - Agricultural Commission

Section 1 **Legislative Purpose and Intent** The purpose and intent of this by-law is to establish a right to farm as is supported by the Commonwealth under Article 97 of the Constitution, and state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter128, Section 1A.

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Easton by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies. This by-law shall apply to all lands within the Town of Easton.

Section 2 **Definitions**
The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory uses thereto. For the purposes of this Bylaw, a farm must meet the definitions contained in G.L. c. 61A, §§1-3; and contain at least two acres; and have annual revenues of at least $1,000. In addition to these requirements, the following shall apply:

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- Dairying;
- Production , cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- Raising of livestock including horses;
- Keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
- Keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches, and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- Control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators, and disease organisms of plants and animals;
- Application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides:
- Conducting agricultural-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used exclusively for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 **Right to Farm Declaration**

ARTICLE PASSES

A Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Easton. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night and by day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices.

The benefits and protections of this by-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. The foregoing agricultural activities must be in conformance with applicable federal, state laws and local rules and regulations, to which reference is made as to more specific rights and obligations of the agricultural community and the Town.

Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulations, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law. Nothing herein may be construed to supersede the requirements of the State Zoning Act, local Zoning Bylaws, the State Wetlands Protection Act or the Easton Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification
Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective, the Board of Selectmen shall prominently post in the Town Hall and through its electronic media outlets:

> "It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect, and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include but are not limited to activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers and occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances."

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

The following procedure is hereby encouraged to enhance early and effective resolution of farm related issues:

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm is encouraged to, prior to filing a formal complaint, file an informal complaint (grievance) with the Selectmen, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Conservation Commission, or Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer, Selectmen, and/or Conservation Commission, as the case may be, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Easton Agricultural Commission or its agent which/who shall review and attempt to mediate the grievance and report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate Town authority for further action within an agreed upon time. The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which/who shall review and mediate the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time.

Nothing herein may be construed to decrease, diminish or otherwise affect the statutory and/or equitable powers of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Conservation Commission, Board of Health or Selectmen in the enforcement or policing of the issues under their respective jurisdictions.

Section 6 Severability Clause
If any part of this by-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this by-law.

Section 7 Adoption of Regulations
The Agricultural Commission may from time to time adopt regulations and rules not inconsistent with this bylaw.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by Agricultural Commission

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move to amend the Town's General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 189, entitled "Agricultural Commission," the text of which is printed in the warrant.

Explanation: Easton has a long history as an agricultural community. A right-to-farm bylaw will help ensure agricultural activities are supported within the Town by advocating for farmers and promoting a beneficial relationship between the agricultural community and the non-farming residents of Easton.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**35**
MOTIONED BY:	**BARLOW**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 35. AMEND ZONING MAP
To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 16, 2011 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the following properties as follows:

From Residential to Municipal and Open Space

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
R7 / 12G	68 Chestnut Street	43,560 SF	3468/186
R21 / 36	Parcel 6 - off Howard Street	20,173 SF	19826/283
R21 / 42	Parcel 5 - off Howard Street	21,114 SF	19826/283
R21 / 54	Parcel 4 - off Howard Street	21,358 SF	19826/283
R21 / 53	Parcel 3 - off Howard Street	21,087 SF	19826/283
R21 / 52	Parcel 2 - off Howard Street	21,100 SF	19826/283
R22 / 1	Parcel 1 - off Howard Street	21,443 SF	19826/283
R7 / 228	51 Chestnut Street	14.3 acres	

From Municipal and Open Space to Residential

Map/Lot	Location
U16 / 157	10 Hoe Shop Street
U16 / 158	14 Hoe Shop Street
U16 / 163	0 Main Street
U16 / 163A	31 Main Street

and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article,
or take any relative action thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town's Zoning Map and Section 3-2 of the Zoning By Law to reference and incorporate the changes shown on the zoning map dated May 21, 2012 as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The Town acquired the Chestnut Street and Howard Street parcels for open space and recreation. The Hoe Shop Street and Main Street parcels were erroneously labeled as Municipal/Open Space on previous versions of the Zoning Map. With this change the zoning will reflect the actual land uses.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	36
MOTIONED BY:	BARLOW
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 36. AMEND ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 16, 2011 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone a portion of the following property as follows:

To expand the SPOD to include:

Map/Lot	Location	Land Area	Book/Page
R7 / 13	120 Poquanticut Avenue	653,400sf	8553/171

Submitted by Land Owner

Selectman: Barlow

Motion:

Explanation: The property owner is requesting to expand the Solar Photovoltaic Installation Overlay District (SPOD) onto approximately 15 acres of his property at 120 Poquanticut Avenue.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**37**
MOTIONED BY:	**NOONAN**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 37. PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the following permanent easements depicted as "Proposed Public Utility Easements" on a plan entitled "Easement Overview Plan" dated April, 2012, prepared by Woodard & Curran, 980 Washington Street, Suite 325N Dedham, Massachusetts, and on file in the Town Clerk's Office and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, sufficient funds to accomplish same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking:

Map	Lot	Address	Easement Purpose
16 U	121	72-76 Main Street	Utility Easement
16U	120	92 Main Street	Utility Easement
16 U	143	100 Main St.	Utility Easement
16 U	144	104 Main St.	Utility Easement
16 U	145	108 Main St.	Easement Utilities and Pedestrian Walkway
17 U	71	114 Main St.	Utility Easement and Pedestrian Walkway
17 U	70	122 Main St.	Utility Easement for Sewer
17 U	69	126 Main St.	Utility Easement
17 U	66	134-140 Main St.	Utility Easement

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17 U	41	156 Main Street.	Utility Easement coordinated with existing easement on Mechanic Street and septic system easement on 17U-66.
17 U	100	215 Main Street.	Utility Easement
17 U	164	230 Main St.	Utility Easement for Sewer Pumping Station
17 U	64	6 Mechanic St.	Utility Easement
17 U	47	15R Mechanic St.	Utility Easement
16 U	136	43 Mechanic St.	Utility Easement
16 U	134	72-74 Pond St	Utility Easement
16 U	142	5 Sullivan Ave.	Utility Easement
16 U	141	9 Sullivan Ave.	Utility Easement

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the permanent easements as printed in your warrant depicted as "Proposed Public Utility Easements" on a plan entitled "Easement Overview Plan" dated April, 2012, prepared by Woodard & Curran, 980 Washington Street, Suite 325N Dedham, Massachusetts, and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking.

Explanation: The Easements listed above are necessary to install sewers in the North Easton Village neighborhood and to establish a permanent pedestrian passage from Main Street to the Town parking lot in the rear.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**38**
MOTIONED BY:	**NOONAN**
SECONDED BY:	**MURPHY**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 38. FUNDING FOR MASTER PLAN

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the amount of $50,000, for the preparation of a town-wide Master Plan.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of $50,000 for the purpose of preparing a town-wide Master Plan as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: This article will provide the necessary funding to begin preparing a comprehensive update to the Master Plan which was adopted and last updated in 1971. The updated Master Plan will provide the framework to support the Town's goals outlined in Easton's Community Vision Plan. Critical components of the Master Plan will include land use, environmental protection and sustainability, historic preservation, economic development, transportation and housing. The project will be directed by the Planning and Zoning Board with day-to-day project management provided by the Department of Planning and Community Development. The scope for the Master Plan project includes services from a planning consulting firm that will assist the Department staff by providing technical expertise that will assist with the preparation of the plan and engaging the public in this comprehensive plan update. This article will provide half of the funding for the Master Plan project. The remainder of the funding necessary to complete the project will be requested at the next Town Meeting.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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EETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**39**
MOTIONED BY:	**NOONAN**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

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ARTICLE 39. LEASE OF LANDFILL

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for the property which is the former landfill located at 114 Prospect Street, Town of Easton Assessor's parcel number is 16R-17 for a term of up to twenty years on terms it determines to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for a term of up to twenty years as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: In September 2011, the Town of Easton issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease a portion of the Town-owned former landfill property located at 114 Prospect Street to a developer to design, permit, construct, own and operate a commercial or utility class solar installation for the purpose of creating renewable electrical energy.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	**40**
MOTIONED BY:	**MURPHY**
SECONDED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

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ARTICLE 40. NET METERING AGREEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a Net Metering Power Sales Agreement on terms it determines to be in the best interest of the Town for a term of 20 years pursuant to G.L. c. 25A §11C for the purchase of energy related to the development of a 1.75 MW +/- solar facility to be located at the site of the former landfill at 114 Prospect Street, Town of Easton Assessor's parcel number is 16R-17, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a Net Metering Power Sales Agreement for a term of 20 years as printed and described in your warrant

Explanation: After a comprehensive review of proposals submitted in response to the RFP to lease a portion of the former landfill site located at 114 Prospect Street, the Board of Selectmen voted to designate Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. as the preferred solar developer. The Town Administrator and Town Counsel have been negotiating with the developer on the net metering agreement. Net metering is an electricity policy which allows utility customers to offset some or all of their energy use with self-produced renewable energy.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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EETING DATE: May 21, 2012

EETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	41
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	NOONAN
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 41. ACCEPTENCE OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION / AMES SHOVEL WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, receive and hold a Conservation Restriction from the BC Shovel Works, LLC for portions of the property located at the Ames Shovel Works, 26, 28 and 34 Main Street and 13 Oliver Street, Easton as more fully set forth on a plan entitled "Ames Shovel Works Conservation Restriction and Easement Plan" dated April 21, 2011, and shown on that plan as "Open Space Area 3" and the area indicated as land "N/F of Massachusetts Electric, 1323/263" and which is adjacent to Open Space Area 1 which said plan is available for review in the office of the Town Clerk, 136 Elm Street, North Easton.; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman Murphy moved, Seconded by Selectman Noonan that:

Motion: I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, receive, and hold a certain Conservation Restriction from BC Shovel Works LLC, as printed and described in the warrant and in a form as may be approved by Town Counsel.

Vote Required: Two-thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

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ARTICLE #: 42
MOTIONED BY: MURPHY
SECONDED BY: CORONA
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: ***DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE***

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ARTICLE 42. STREET ACCEPTANCES - CONCERTO COURT, SERENADE PARK, TANGLEWOOD DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named streets or ways as public ways, pursuant to MGL c. 82:

"Concerto Court" from Station 0+0.00 to Station 10+0.00 and Station 10+0.00 to Station 20+07.48, as shown on a plan of land entitled: "As Built Plan & Profile of Concerto Court, Easton, MA" surveyed for Stonebridge Land Holdings, Inc., Scale 1" = 40' dated February 25, 2012 by Gallagher Engineering and approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 402, Pages 68-73 on January 31, 2002 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements, pursuant to MGL c. 40 §3 and 14 to accept the deed of a fee interest in said Tanglewood;

"Serenade Park" from Station 0+0.00 to Station 9+87.87, as shown on a plan of land entitled: "As Built Plan & Profile of Serenade Park, Easton, MA" surveyed for Stonebridge Land Holdings, Inc., Scale 1" = 40' dated February 25, 2012 by Gallagher Engineering and approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 402, Pages 68-73 on January 31, 2002 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements, pursuant to MGL c. 40 §3 and 14 to accept the deed of a fee interest in said Tanglewood; and

"Tanglewood Drive" from Station 6+50.00 to Station 17+64.35, as shown on a plan of land entitled: "As Built Plan & Profile of Tanglewood Drive, Easton, MA" surveyed for Stonebridge Land Holdings, Inc., Scale 1" = 40' dated February 25, 2012 by Gallagher Engineering and approved by the Planning Board on November 10, 1999 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383, Pages 35-40 on November 17, 1999 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements, pursuant to MGL c. 40 §3 and 14 to accept the deed of a fee interest in said Tanglewood Drive

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept Concerto Court as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00.00 to Station 10+00.00 and Station 10+00.00 to Station 20+07.48, as approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 402, Page 68-73 on January 31, 2002 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Concerto Court;

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And

To accept Serenade Park as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00.00 to Station 9+87.87, as approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 402, Page 68-73 on January 31, 2002 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Serenade Park;

And

To accept Tanglewood Drive as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 6+50.00 to Station 17+64.35, as approved by the Planning Board on November 10, 1999 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383, Page 35-40 on November 17, 1999 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Tanglewood Drive as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The work in these streets is completed and they are ready to be accepted as Public Ways.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**43**
MOTIONED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SECONDED BY:	**BARLOW**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 43. ZONING AMENDMENT; FARMERS MARKET

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending Section 2 as follows:

Section II. Definitions

FARMERS' MARKET - A public market for the primary purpose of promoting and selling fresh produce, prepared foods and meat, poultry and fish. Such products may include, but shall not be limited to:

- Fresh Produce (fresh uncut fruits and vegetables)
- Unprocessed honey
- Maple syrup
- Meats, poultry, and fish
- Farm fresh eggs
- Jams and jellies
- Candy
- Baked goods

and

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending Section 5-3 as follows:

C. Agricultural Uses								
1. Farming - agricultural, orchard, horticultural, or silvicultural	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Farming - livestock or poultry but not swine, provided that any building housing livestock or poultry be not less than 50 ft. from the property boundary	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	Y	Y	Y
3. One roadside stand per farm for sale of agricultural products, the major portion of which are grown or produced on the premises	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N

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4. Farmers market	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (PZB)
D. Office and Laboratory								

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Sections II and 5.3 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to allow farmers markets by special permit from the Planning & Zoning Board.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

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ARTICLE #:	44
MOTIONED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 44. ZONING AMENDMENT; SIGNS

To see if the Town will reconfigure and amend its zoning bylaws pertaining to signs by replacing the entirety of Section 10 with the following:

10-1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Section is to:

1. Promote the public safety and convenience of streets, highways, sidewalks and other pedestrian spaces, and public and private property within public view;

2. Reduce distractions, hazards and obstructions from signage that will have an adverse impact on vehicular safety;

3. Discourage excessive visual competition in signage;

4. Ensure that signage will adequately aid communication and orientation, identify uses and activities, and express local history and character;

5. Preserve or enhance town character by requiring new and replacement signage which is compatible with the surroundings, appropriate to the type of activity to which it pertains, expressive of the identity of individual proprietors or of the community as a whole, and appropriately sized in its context; and

6. Encourage the use of the Town's Sign and Design Guidelines as a resource to assist in the development of appropriate commercial signage and building design.

10-2. DEFINITIONS

Certain terms are defined for the purposes of this By-law as follows:

ABANDONED SIGN

A sign which no longer identifies or advertises a bona fide business, lessor, service, owner, product, or activity, and/or for which no legal owner can be found.

ANIMATED SIGN

Any sign which uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or to create a special effect or scene (compare "Flashing Sign").

AREA

See "Sign, Area of".

AWNING

A shelter projecting from and supported by the exterior of a building constructed of non-rigid materials on a supporting framework (compare "Marquee").

AWNING SIGN

A sign painted on, printed on, or attached flat against the surface of an awning.

BANNER SIGN

A sign, frequently constructed of fabric or other flexible material and frequently displayed on a pole or staff; or which can be freestanding or attached to a building or structure; and is generally temporary in nature.

BILLBOARD

See "Off-Premise Sign".

BUILDING

As defined in Section II Definitions, page 2-3 of the Easton Zoning By Law.

CHANGING IMAGE SIGN

Any sign that, through the use of moving structural elements, flashing or sequential lights, lighting elements, or other automated method, results in movement, the appearance of movement or change of sign image or message. This type of sign includes, but is not limited to, Electronic Message Center signs which are either attached or detached. Changing image signs do not include school zone or other public safety signs and otherwise static signs where copy is changed manually in the field and where illumination is turned off and back on not more than once every twenty-four (24) hours.

CLEARANCE (OF A SIGN)

The smallest vertical distance between the grade of the adjacent street or street curb and the lowest point of any sign, including framework and embellishments, extending over that grade.

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CONSTRUCTION SIGN

A temporary sign identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor, and/or material supplier participating in construction on the property on which the sign is located.

COPY

The wording on a sign surface in either permanent or removable letter form.

DIRECTIONAL SIGN

A sign limited to pedestrian and vehicular traffic instruction and/or direction or restrictions on the use of parking areas. "No Parking," "Entrance," "Exit" and "Additional Parking in the Rear" are examples of directional signs. No sign that identifies the occupant or use of the site shall be considered a directional sign.

DIRECTORY SIGN

A group of signs clustered together as a single structure or compositional unit to advertise occupants of the same building or building complex.

DOUBLE-FACED SIGN

A sign with two faces.

ELECTRICAL SIGN

A sign or sign structure in which electrical wiring, connections or fixtures are used.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER

Any message board, where scrolling or moving copy or images are shown on the same message board or any sign which changes its copy or images electronically, mechanically, digitally, through the use of projection or computer generation.

FACADE

The entire building front including the parapet. The exterior surface of a building wall facing a street or parking area or containing a public entrance, which corresponds to the height and width of the interior space owned or leased by the occupant of the building.

FACE OF SIGN

The area of a sign on which the copy is placed.

FESTOONS

A string of ribbons, tinsel, small flags, or pinwheels.

FLAG

A sign, frequently constructed of fabric or other flexible material and frequently displayed on a pole or staff or which can be freestanding or attached to a building or structure, and is generally temporary in nature. Official flags of governmental jurisdictions properly displayed and decorative flags on residences shall not be considered as signs for the purposes of this Section.

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FLASHING SIGN

A sign which contains an intermittent or sequential flashing light source used primarily to attract attention. Does not include changeable copy signs, or signs which, through reflection or other means, create an illusion of flashing of intermittent light (compare "Animated Sign", "Changeable Copy Sign").

FREESTANDING SIGN

A sign structurally separate from a building or structure that is attached to or part of a self-supporting structure

FRONTAGE

The length of the property line of any one premise along a public right-of-way on which it borders.

FRONTAGE, BUILDING

The length of an outside building wall on a public right-of-way.

GOVERNMENT SIGN

Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the city, county, state, or federal government for traffic direction or for designation of or direction to any school, hospital, historical site, or public service, property or facility.

HEIGHT (OF A SIGN)

The vertical distance measured from the highest point of the sign, excluding decorative embellishments, to the grade of the adjacent street or the surface grade beneath the sign, whichever is less (compare "Clearance").

IDENTIFICATION SIGN

A sign whose copy is limited to the name and address of a building, institution, or a person and/or to the activity or occupation being identified.

ILLEGAL SIGN

A sign which does not meet the requirements of this By Law and which has not received legal nonconforming status.

INCIDENTAL SIGN

A small sign, emblem, or decal informing the public of goods, facilities, or services available on the premises, e.g., a credit card sign or a sign indicating hours of business.

INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGN

A sign which utilizes translucent panels, canvas or other fabric, letters, devices or other similar components to create an image by allowing light to pass through.

LOT

A parcel of land legally defined on a subdivision map recorded with the assessment department or land registry office, or a parcel of land defined by a legal record of survey map.

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MAINTENANCE

For the purposes of this By-law, the cleaning, painting, repair, or replacement of defective parts of a sign in a manner that does not alter the basic design or structure of the sign.

MANSARD

A sloped roof or roof-like facade architecturally comparable to a building wall.

MARQUEE

A permanent roof-like structure or canopy of rigid materials supported by extending from the facade of a building (compare "Awning").

MARQUEE SIGN

Any sign attached to or supported by a marquee structure.

NAMEPLATE

A non-electric on-premise identification sign giving only the name, address, and/or occupation of an occupant or group of occupants.

NONCONFORMING SIGN

1. A sign which was erected legally, but which does not comply with subsequently enacted sign restrictions and regulations.
2. A sign which does not conform to the sign By-law, but for which a special permit has been issued.

OCCUPANCY

The portion of a building or premises owned, leased, rented, or otherwise occupied for a given use.

OFF-PREMISE SIGN

A sign structure advertising an establishment, merchandise, service, or entertainment, which is not sold, produced, manufactured, or furnished at the property on which said sign is located, e.g., "billboards" or "outdoor advertising".

ON-PREMISE SIGN

A sign which pertains to the use of the premise on which it is located.

OWNER

A person recorded as such on official records. For the purposes of this By Law, the owner of the property on which a sign is located is presumed to be the owner of the sign unless facts to the contrary are officially recorded or otherwise brought to the attention of the building inspector, e.g., a sign leased from a sign company.

PAINTED WALL SIGN

Any sign which is applied with paint or similar substance on the face of a wall.

PARAPET

The extension of a false front or wall above a roofline.

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PERSON

For the purpose of this By Law, any individual, corporation, association, firm, partnership, or similarly defined interest.

POINT OF PURCHASE DISPLAY

Advertising of a retail item accompanying its display, e.g., an advertisement on a product dispenser.

POLE COVER

Covers enclosing or decorating poles or other structural supports of a sign.

POLITICAL SIGN

For the purposes of this By Law, a temporary sign used in connection with a local, state, or national election or referendum.

PORTABLE SIGN

Any sign designed to be moved easily and not permanently affixed to the ground or to a structure or building, e.g., trailer or A-Frame, not to include Banner sign.

PREMISES

A parcel of land with its appurtenances and buildings which, because of its unity of use, may be regarded as the smallest conveyable unit of real estate.

PROJECTING SIGN

A sign, other than a flat wall sign, which is attached to and projects from a building or wall or other structure not specifically designed to support the sign.

REAL ESTATE SIGN

A temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease, or sale.

ROOFLINE

The top edge of a roof or building parapet, whichever is higher, excluding any cupolas, pylons, chimneys, or minor projections.

ROOF SIGN

Any sign erected over or on the roof of a building (compare "Mansard", "Wall Signs").

ROTATING SIGN

A sign in which the sign itself or any portion of the sign moves in a revolving or similar manner. Such motion does not refer to methods of changing copy.

SIGN

Any device, structure, fixture, or placard using graphics, symbols, and/or written copy designed specifically for the purpose of advertising or identifying any establishment, product, goods, or services (compare 10-1 (B)).

SIGN, AREA OF

1. Projecting and Freestanding

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The area of a freestanding or projecting sign shall have all faces of any doubled-faced or multi-faced sign counted in calculating its area. The area of the sign shall be measured as follows if composed of one or two individual cabinets:

a. The area around and enclosing the perimeter of each cabinet or module shall be summed and then totaled to determine the total area. The perimeter of measurable area shall not include embellishments such as pole covers, framing, decorative roofing, etc. provided that there is not written advertising copy on such embellishments.

b. If the sign is composed of more than two sign cabinets or modules, the area enclosing the entire perimeter of all cabinets and/or modules within a single, continuous geometric figure shall be the area of the sign. Pole covers and other embellishments shall not be included in the area of measurement if they do not bear advertising copy.

2. Wall Signs

The area shall be within a single, continuous perimeter composed of any straight line geometric figure which encloses the extreme limits of the advertising message. If the sign is composed of individual letters or symbols using the wall as the background with no added decoration, the total sign area shall be calculated by measuring the area within the perimeter advertising message. The combined areas of the individual figures shall be considered the total sign area.

SNIPE SIGN

A temporary or poster affixed to a tree, fence, etc.

SUBDIVISION IDENTIFICATION SIGN

A freestanding or wall sign identifying a recognized subdivision, condominium complex, or residential development.

TEMPORARY SIGN

A sign not constructed or intended for long-term use.

TOWN

Unless the context clearly discloses a contrary intent, the word "Town" shall mean the Town of Easton.

UNDER-CANOPY SIGN

A sign suspended beneath a canopy, ceiling, roof or marquee.

USE

The purpose for which a building, lot, sign, or structure is designed, occupied, or maintained.

WALL SIGN

A sign attached parallel to and extending not more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall of a building. This definition includes painted, individual letter, and cabinet signs, and signs on a mansard.

WINDOW SIGN

A sign installed inside a building and intended to be viewed from the outside.

10.3-SIGN-REGULATION BY ZONE

1. Permitted Signs in Residence and Eleemosynary Zones

The following signs may be erected or maintained in Residential Districts provided such signs are in compliance with all conditions set forth in this Section. The calculation of maximum number of signs and maximum area of signs does not include directional signs.

a. All signs as permitted in 10-5.

b. One non-illuminated sign displaying the street number, or name of the occupant of premises, or both, not exceeding four (4) square feet in area. Such signs may be attached to a building or may be on a rod or post not more than six (6) feet high and less than three (3) feet from the property lot line. Such sign may include identification of an accessory studio

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or professional office in the dwelling or on the premises, or may identify other permitted accessory uses, including allowed home occupations.

c. One bulletin or announcement board or identification sign for a permitted nonresidential building or use, not more than ten (10) square feet signboard area. For churches and institutions, membership clubs, funeral establishments, hospital, other places of public assembly, community facilities or public utilities, one bulletin or announcement board or identification sign is permitted on each building. Each such sign shall be not more than twenty (20) feet signboard area. No such sign shall be located nearer a street than one-half the required front yard depth.

d. Two subdivision identification signs per neighborhood, subdivision, or development, not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet each in sign area during construction only.

e. On the premises with a lawfully nonconforming use, one sign not more than six (6) square feet.

f. One "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign not more than six (6) square feet and advertising only the premises on which the sign is located. It shall be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the property lot line.

g. No sign or advertising device shall be illuminated after 11:00 P.M.

2. PERMITTED SIGNS IN BUSINESS ZONES AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

Signs are allowed as follows in business and industrial zones:

a. All signs permitted in 10.2, 10-3.1, and 10-5

b. One freestanding sign per street frontage, up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet for a single or double occupancy building. If three (3) or more multiple tenants occupy a building maximum given sign may be increased to one hundred fifty (150) square feet provided that all tenants occupying the building be allocated sign space in proportion to the amount of building space they occupy. Such signs may not exceed a height of thirty (30) feet.

c. One wall sign per occupancy up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet.

d. One under-canopy sign per occupancy, not to exceed twenty (20 square feet in gross sign area.

e. Incidental signs, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in aggregate sign area per occupancy.

f. The top edge of a sign shall be placed not higher than the main roof of the highest building located on the premises, or if no building exists, the average height of the main roofs of the buildings on the next adjacent properties where buildings do exist and not to exceed thirty (30) feet above ground or sidewalk.

3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS AND ALLOWANCES FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

a. Where a lot is on a corner or has more than one entrance way, each entrance being a minimum of three hundred (300) feet apart, more than one free standing sign is permitted. The total sign area of all free standing signs in no case can exceed two (2) times that of a single free standing sign. The top edge of any such free standing sign shall not be higher than thirty (30) feet vertical measure.

b. Free standing and under-canopy, awning and marquee signs shall have a setback of fifteen (15) feet from any property lot line and a minimum clearance of fifteen (15) feet over vehicular use area and ten (10) feet over any pedestrian use area.

c. Temporary signs and banners:

1. Erection of a temporary sign shall require a permit from the building inspector. The fee for each fourteen (14) day period shall be determined by the building inspector. No more than two (2) permits shall be granted in one calendar year.
2. Such sign shall be erected for no more than a period of fourteen (14) days, two (2) times per year, for a total of twenty-eight (28) days per year.
3. No temporary sign shall exceed thirty (30) square feet gross display area; a double face sign shall be computed in determining gross display area.
4. Such signs shall be securely attached to the premises or to an existing free standing sign.
5. Farm stands shall be permitted seasonal temporary signs not to exceed a total of thirty (30) square feet gross display area for an annual fee of $10.00.

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6. A-frame signs or trailer signs shall not be permitted.

4. PERMITTED SIGNS IN LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS

All signs in the Ames Local Historic District shall be subject to review by the Easton Historical Commission prior to submission to the Easton Planning and Zoning Board.

5. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL ZONES

The following signs are allowed in all zones:

a. All signs not requiring permits (Sec. 10-4.G).

b. One construction sign for each street frontage of a construction project, not to exceed six (6) square feet in sign area in residential zones of thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area in all other zones. Such signs may be erected fifteen (15) days prior to beginning of construction and shall be removed following completion of construction.

c. One non-illuminated real estate sign per lot or premises, not to exceed six (6) square feet in sign area. Signs used to advertise commercial property not to exceed three (3) by five (5) feet. Signs must be removed following sale, rental or lease. It shall be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the property lot line.

f. Two attached nameplates per occupancy, not to exceed four (4) square feet in sign area.

g. Political signs shall not be erected more than thirty (30) days prior to the election or referendum concerned and shall be removed two (2) days following such election or referendum. Political signs may be placed only on private property and only with the permission of the property owner.

h. Directional/Information signs not to exceed six (6) feet in sign area or ten (10) feet in height.

6. SIGNS PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONES

The following types of signs are prohibited in all districts:

a. Abandoned signs.

b. Any sign which by reason of its location, shape, size, or color; will interfere with traffic signs, signals, or markings.

c. Signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals.

d. Snipe signs or signs attached to trees, utility poles, streetlights, or placed on public property or public right-of-way.

e. Flashing, animated or internally illuminated, including LED and neon, not specifically allowed by the Planning Board.

f. Portable signs.

g. Other signs specifically excluded by this By Law.

h. Signs attached to motor vehicles, trailers, or other movable objects regularly or recurrently located for fixed display.

i. Changing image sign

10.4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to erect, place, or maintain a sign in the Town of Easton except in accordance with the provisions of this By Law.

A. Determination of Sign Area.

Sign measurement shall be based upon the entire area of the sign, with a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface. For a sign painted on or applied to a building or structure, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording and accompanying designs or symbols together with any background of a different color than the natural color or finish material of the building or structure. For a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, building wall or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the smallest rectangle, circle, oval or other simple straight-lined shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols. The area of

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supporting framework, such as the brackets and posts, shall not be included in the area if such framework is incidental to the display. When a sign has two (2) or more faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area, except where two (2) faces are placed back to back and are at no point more than two (2) feet from each other. In this case, the sign area shall be taken as the area of either face, and if the faces are unequal, the larger shall determine the area.

B. Sign Height

No part of any sign or light illuminating a sign shall be at a height in excess of the maximum height as specified in this section with respect to the height of the building or structure situated on the premises to which the sign relates. No part of any freestanding sign or any light illuminating a sign shall be higher than the highest point of any building or other structure on the premises on which such sign is located or if a vacant lot, at a height of no more than ten (10) feet above ground.

C. Sign Setbacks

Signs over one (1) square foot in area which are not temporary signs shall be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the street line. Temporary signs in Nonresidential Districts shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from the street line.

D. Approval

All applicants for sign permits, as required by this section, in Business and Industrial zones shall submit plans and supporting materials to the Planning and Zoning Board for approval.

E. Illumination

1. Illumination in Residential Zones. Illumination of a sign shall be by steady white light which shall be properly shielded. Internally illuminated signs shall not be permitted.
2. Illumination in Business and industrial Zones. Illumination of a sign shall be by steady white light which shall be properly shielded or by internal illumination of only the lettering, wording or insignia within the sign.
3. Illumination in Local Historic Districts. Illumination of a sign shall be by steady white light which shall be properly shielded as approved by the Easton Historical Commission and the Planning & Zoning Board.
4. Moving/Animated/Flashing Signs Prohibited in All Districts.
a. Flashing signs shall not be permitted in any District.
b. Movement of a sign body or any segment thereof, such as rotating, revolving, moving up or down or any other type of action involving a change of position of a sign body or segment thereof, whether caused by mechanical, animated, computer generated or other means, shall not be permitted in any District.
c. No neon or external florescent lighting shall be permitted in any District.

F. PERMITS REQUIRED

Unless otherwise provided by this By Law, all signs shall require permits and payment of fees. No permit is required for the maintenance of a sign or for a change of copy on painted, printed, or changeable copy signs.

G. SIGNS NOT REQUIRING PERMITS

The following types of signs are exempted from permit requirements, but must be in conformance with all other requirements of this By Law:

a. One construction sign of thirty-two (32) square feet or less.
b. Directional/Information signs of six (6) square feet or less.
c. Holiday or special event decorations and/or festoons.
d. Nameplates of six (6) square feet or less.
e. Political signs.
f. Public signs or notices, or any sign relating to an emergency.
g. Real estate signs.
h. Window signs.
i. Incidental signs.

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H. MAINTENANCE

All signs shall be maintained in a safe and neat condition to the satisfaction of the building inspector and in accordance with requirements of the State Building Code. Structural damage, missing letters, or other deterioration obscuring content shall be remedied or the sign removed within sixty (60) days.

10-5 NONCONFORMING SIGNS

1. DETERMINATION OF LEGAL NONCONFORMITY

Existing signs which do not conform to the specific provisions of the By- Law may be eligible for the designation "legal nonconforming" provided that:

a. The building inspector determines that such signs are properly maintained and do not in any way endanger the public.

b. The sign was properly covered by a valid permit or variance or complied with all applicable laws on the date of adoption of this By- Law.

c. Sign, or signs, were constructed or present prior to zoning.

2. LOSS OF LEGAL NONCONFORMITY STATUS

A legal nonconforming sign may lose this designation if:

a. The sign is relocated.

b. The structure or size of the sign is altered in any way except towards compliance with the By Law.

This does not refer to change of copy of normal maintenance.

3. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS

The legal nonconforming sign is subject to all requirements this code regarding safety, maintenance, and repair.

10-6 CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

1. COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODES

All signs shall be constructed in accordance with all requirements of the State Building Code and the National Electrical Code and Town of Easton By-laws.

2. ANCHORING

a. No sign shall be suspended by non-rigid attachments that will allow the sign to swing in a wind.

b. All freestanding signs shall have self-supporting structures erected on or permanently attached to concrete foundations.

10-7 SIGN AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

Applicants shall refer to the Town of Easton Sign and Design Guidelines adopted by the Planning & Zoning Board in its rules and regulations for additional guidance in building and signage design.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 10 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The intent of the bylaw amendment is to allow greater flexibility and promote more consistent and attractive signage that fits within a given neighborhood context. The amendment is primarily a reorganization of the existing bylaw sections into a more straight forward, user-friendly format. The amendment primarily focuses on the type of sign illumination allowed in each zoning district.

The amendment would allow internally illuminated signs in Business Districts that are consistent with the Planning & Zoning Board's Sign and Design Guidelines. The Guidelines will provide guidance to applicants on appropriate sign

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design based on location and context. Procedurally, signs will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board to ensure consistency with the Sign and Design Guidelines; signs proposed in historic districts would also be reviewed by the Easton Historical Commission.

The Planning & Zoning Board will make a presentation at town meeting regarding this proposal

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jeremy P Gillis

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**45**
MOTIONED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton MA 02356:

ARTICLE 45. ZONING AMENDMENT; PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the Easton Zoning By Law at Section 7-6, as shown below with added and deleted language:

7-6 Planned Business Development

For planned business development of land subject to maximum building coverage more than the maximum permitted in the Table of Density and Dimensional Regulations and less than the parking requirements contained in the Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations, the following conditions shall apply:

A. The tract shall be in single or consolidated ownership at the time of application and shall be at least ~~5~~ 2 acres in size, except as may be reduced by the Planning & Zoning Board, by a Special Permit.

B. Uses shall be contained in one continuous building except that groupings of buildings may be allowed by the Planning & Zoning Board where such groupings are consistent with the safety of the users of the development and are further consistent with the overall intent of this section.

C. The gross floor area of buildings shall not exceed 50% of the total area.

D. The development shall be served by one common parking area and by common exit and entrance areas except that the Planning & Zoning Board may allow segmented parking areas.

E. Reduction in parking space requirements shall not exceed more than 10 percent of those required

F. The development shall be served by a public water system.

G. Roadway and utility construction shall conform to the Town of Easton Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations except as may be modified or may be waived by the Planning Board.

H. Plan depicting exterior building elevations, parking layout, access points and site utilities shall be submitted to the Planning Board on properly scaled plans prepared by a Professional Engineer.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Gornstein

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Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 7-6 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: This article will create additional flexibility for landowners by reducing the land area required for a Planned Business Development from 5 acres to 2 acres. The land area requirement could be reduced further with approval from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**46**
MOTIONED BY:	**CORONA**
SECONDED BY:	**MURPHY**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 46. ZONING AMENDMENT; HOME OCCUPATION

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending the definition of "Home Occupation" in Section 2 as shown below:

Section II. Definitions

HOME OCCUPATION

An accessory use which by custom has been carried on entirely within a dwelling unit, or within an accessory building thereto, and is incidental and subordinate to the dwelling use and which shall not occupy more than twenty five (25) percent of the net floor area of the net floor area or four hundred (400) square feet whichever is less, of the dwelling unit or accessory building so used. ~~No commodities shall be sold on the premises.~~ Such use shall be carried on by the occupants of the dwelling unit with no more than three employees, one of whom can be a nonresident, and shall not in any manner change the residential character of the building

And

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending Section 7-9 as follows:

7-9 Home Occupation

For the use of a dwelling in the "R" District for a home occupation, the following conditions shall apply:

A. No more than three employees, one of whom can be a nonresident, shall be employed therein.
B. The use is carried on strictly within the principal building or a building accessory thereto.
C. Not more than 25 percent of the existing net floor area of the principal building or 400 square feet is devoted to such use.
D. There shall be no display of goods or wares visible from the street

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E. The use shall not in any manner change the residential character of the building.

A. Site Plan Review

All home occupations shall require abbreviated site plan review by the Planning & Zoning Board to ensure such use will not adversely impact the neighborhood due to issues related to design, traffic and public safety and welfare. Plans submitted for review shall include floor plans, parking areas, driveways and such other information as may be determined by the Planning Board. Decisions on Site Plan Review shall be made within 60 days of submission of all plans required by the Planning & Zoning Board.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 2 and Section 7-9 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to allow a greater diversity of home occupations. This article modifies the existing definition of home occupation and requires proposed home occupations to undergo Site Plan Review with the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	**48**
MOTIONED BY:	**CORONA**
SECONDED BY:	**MURPHY**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton MA 02356:

ARTICLE 48. ZONING AMENDMENT; EXTENSION AND ALTERATION

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by replacing Section 9-2(D) with the following:

D. The reconstruction, extension, alteration or structural change of a valid pre-existing nonconforming structure used for single family or two family residential purposes in such a manner as to create a new nonconformity, shall require the issuance of a special permit from the Board of Appeals. The reconstruction, extension, alteration or structural change of a valid pre-existing nonconforming structure used for any other purposes, in such a manner as to create a new nonconformity, shall require the issuance of a variance from the Board of Appeals.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 9-2(D) of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: *The purpose of this article is to recognize a change in the law pursuant to the Gale v. Gloucester case which eliminates a variance requirement for changes to pre-existing nonconforming residential structures and, rather, places such applications in a special permit context.*

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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IEETING DATE: May 21, 2012

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ARTICLE #:	**47**
MOTIONED BY:	**CORONA**
SECONDED BY:	**MURPHY**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 47. ZONING AMENDMENT; ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending Section 5-3 to allocate Special permit Granting Authority to the Zoning Board and Planning and Zoning Board, as follows:

Section 5-3 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

R - Residential, R1 - Residential 1, B - Business, BN - Business Neighborhood, I - Industrial, E - Eleemosynary, F - Flood Plain, and M - Municipal or Open Space. SP (ZBA) – Special Permit/Zoning Board of Appeals, SP (PZB) – Special Permit/Planning & Zoning Board

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**
PRINCIPAL USES								
A. Residential Uses								
1. Detached dwelling on a separate lot occupied by not more than one family	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N
2. One 2-family or one duplex dwelling on a separate lot	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N
4. Apartments (See Sec. VII)	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP	N
5. and 6. deleted Special Town Meeting 1/23/95								
7. Motels (See Section VII)	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N
8. Renting of rooms in an existing dwelling in excess of three (3. persons	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	R1	B	BN	I	E	F	M
9. Conversion of an existing dwelling to accommodate not more than two families	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N
10. Manufactured Home	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
11 Manufactured home or manufactured home subdivision	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
B. Institutional, Recreational, and Educational Uses								
1. Place of Worship	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Religious, sectarian, non-sectarian, denominational, private or public school or other educational facility (see paragraph 7-12)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3. Cemeteries	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y
4. Recreation facility owned or operated by an agency of Town or other government	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y
5. Public Utilities	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6. Private nonprofit libraries or museums	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y
7. Private nonprofit, com-munity center building, settlement house, adult education center or other similar facility provided indoor or outdoor noisy activities shall be not less than 50 ft. from any lot line and shall not be detrimental to the neighborhood by reason of noise in any season	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N	Y	SP (ZBA)	N
8. Hospital, infirmary, nursing home, convalescent home, elderly retirement facility and/or elderly congregate housing	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y	N	N	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y
9. Day nursery, nursery, school, kindergarten, or other agency giving day care to children, provided any outdoor play area is screened by fence, wall, or planting line and from any neigh- boring residential structure and is not detrimental to the neighborhood by reason of noise	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**
10. Trade, professional, or other school conducted as a private business for gain	N	N	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y	SP	N
11. Fraternal, nonprofit membership club or lodge	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	Y	N	N	Y	SP (ZBA)	N
12. Country, golf, swimming, tennis, fitness center, or other recreational facility	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)
13. Entertainment and recreational facilities operated as a business for gain, including but not limited to bowling alley, theater, or sports arena, provided such use is housed indoors in sound-insulated structure protecting neighborhood from inappropriate noise in any season	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N
14. All Town and municipal uses	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
C. Agricultural Uses								
1. Farming - agricultural, orchard, horticultural, or silvicultural	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Farming - livestock or poultry but not swine, provided that any building housing livestock or poultry be not less than 50 ft. from the property boundary	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	Y	Y	Y
3. One roadside stand per farm for sale of agricultural products, the major portion of which are grown or produced on the premises	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
4. Farmers market	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	SP (PZB)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (PZB)
D. Office and Laboratory								
1. Business, financial, and professional use	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
2. Offices and clinics for medical, psychiatric, or other health services for examination or treatment of persons as outpatients, including only laboratories that are part of such office or clinic	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**
3. Lab or research facility	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
4. Commercial or educational radio or television studio	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
E. Retail Business and Consumer Service Establishments								
1. Store for retail sale of merchandise, provided all display, storage, and sale of materials are conducted within a building and provided there be no manufacturing or assembly on the premises	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
2. Eating places serving food and beverages to be consumed within the building	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N
3. Drive-in, open-air restaurant, outside dining facility, or other establishment providing food and beverages with no live or mechanical entertainment	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N
4. Space for manufacturing, assembly, or packaging of consumer goods, provided that at least 50% of such merchandise is sold at retail on premises and that all display, sales, and storage is conducted within building and further provided that not more than 25% of floor area is devoted to manufacturing, assembly, or packaging of consumer goods and not more than 5 persons are employed at any one time for manufacturing, assembly, or packaging of such goods	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
5. Service businesses serving local needs, such as barber shops, beauty shops, shoe repair, self- service laundry, or dry cleaning or pick-up agency	N	N	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N
6.Hand laundry, dry cleaning, or tailoring, or other similar uses, provided personnel is limited to not more than six (6) persons at any one time on the premises	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	R1	B	BN	I	E	F	M
7. Mortuary, undertaking, or funeral establishment	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N
8. Veterinary establishment, provided that animals are kept indoors	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
9.Store for retail sale of merchandise such as but not limited to lumber yards and building supply yards wherein merchandise is stored in the open, provided that all merchandise is screened from ground level view from any abutting street or abutting property where such materials are stores	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
10. Planned Business Development	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
F. Automotive Service and Open Air Drive-in Retail Service								
1. Gasoline service station	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
2. Sale or rental of auto- mobiles, boats, and other motor vehicles and accessory storage con- ducted partly or wholly within an enclosed sound-insulated structure to protect the neighborhood from inappropriate noise and other disturbing effects such as but not limited to flashing, fumes, gases, smoke, and vapors	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
3. Automobile repair shops, provided all work is carried out within the building	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
4. Car washing establishments	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N
5. Truck and heavy equipment repair shops pro- vided all work is carried out within the building	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
6. Sales places for flowers, garden supplies, agricultural produce partly or wholly outdoors, including commercial green- houses	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**
7. Outdoor sports facility conducted for profit such as golf course, country clubs, tennis club	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)
8.Place for exhibition, lettering, or sale of grave- stones	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N
G. Industrial, Wholesale, and Transportation Uses								
1.Laundries and dry cleaning plant	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
2.Printing, binding, publishing and related arts and trade	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
3.Bottling of beverages	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
4.Plumbing, electrical, or carpentry shop or other similar service or repair establishment	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
5. Place for manufacturing, assembling, or packaging of goods, provided that all resulting cinders, dust, flashing, fumes, gases, odors, refuse matter, smoke and vapor be effectively confined to the premises or be disposed of in a manner that does not create a nuisance or hazard to safety or health	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
6. Wholesale business and storage in a roofed structure	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
7. Trucking and freight terminals	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
8. Planned Industrial Development	N	N	N	N	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
H. Other Principal Uses								
1. Extractive industries, manufacture, distribution or sale of explosives, or any trade, industry or other use that is noxious or hazardous by reason of vibration or dust, gas, fumes, smoke, cinders, flashing, or excessively bright lights, refuse matter or electro-magnetic radiation	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**
2. Open-lot storage including storage in trailers and semitrailers	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
3. Any use hazardous to health because of danger of flooding, inadequacy of drainage or inaccessibility of drainage or inaccessibility to firefighting apparatus or other protective service	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
4. Junk yard, sales of junk, or salvaged materials	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
5. Heliport, helistop	N	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N
6. Dog Kennel	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)
7. Trailer for business use	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)
8. Communications Tower and Wireless Communications Facility	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)
I. Accessory Uses								
1. Private greenhouse, stable, tennis court, swimming pool, or other similar building or structure for domestic use	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y
2. The raising or keeping of livestock or poultry as pets or for use by residents of the premises provided that no building for livestock or poultry may be less than 25 ft. from any side or rear lot line nor nearer than 50 ft. to any front lot line	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	Y
3. Minor home occupation, provided that not more than three (3) employees, one of whom can be a nonresident shall be employed on the premises at any one time	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N
4. Home office for resident physician, dentist, attorney-at-law, architect, engineer or member of other recognized profession provided that not more than three (3) persons shall be employed on the premises at any one time.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	SP (ZBA)	N

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	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	**R1**	**B**	**BN**	**I**	**E**	**F**	**M**
5.Heliport, helistop	N	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	N
6.Dog Kennel	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)
7.Car Washing Establishments	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N
8.Trailer for business use	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)
9.Adult Entertainment Establishments may not be located less than 750 (seven hundred fifty) feet from: a. Each other; b. Residential uses; c. Public or private nursery schools; d. Public or private day care centers; e. Public or private kindergartens; f. Public or private elementary schools; g. Public or private secondary schools; h. Playgrounds; i. Churches	N	N	N	N	SP (ZBA)	N	N	N
10. Antenna Transmitter/ Receiving Tower, Residential Use (in excess of 25 feet above roof ridge height)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	Y
11. Antenna Transmitter/Receiving Tower, Commercial (in excess of 25 feet above roof ridge height)	N	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N	Y

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 5-3 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to more clearly indicate the special permitting authorities pursuant to the Table of Use Regulations in Section 5-3 of the Zoning By Law.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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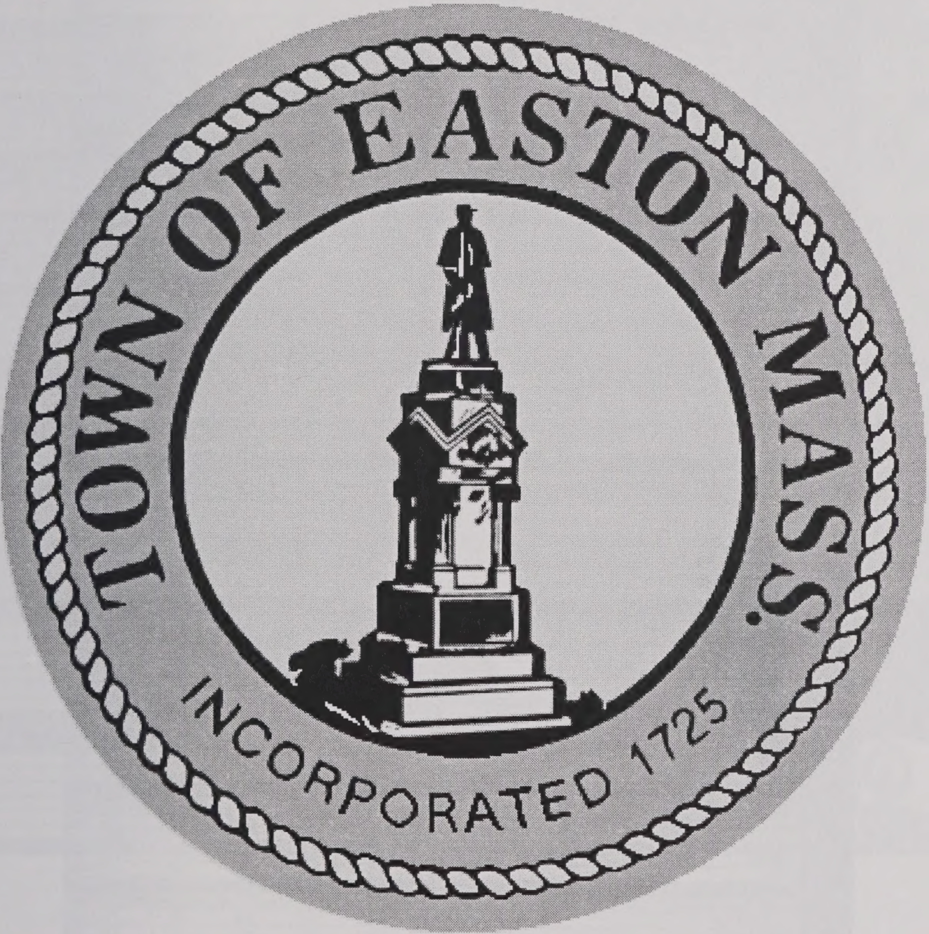
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DEMOCRAT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
ELIZABETH WARREN	120	327	167	262	229	107	1212
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	8	12	2	3	11	3	39
BLANKS	63	106	61	93	61	14	398
TOTAL	191	445	230	358	301		1525

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
RACHEL E BROWN	25	61	27	50	44	18	225
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III	120	332	172	253	212	101	1190
HERB ROBINSON	6	8	3	15	20	2	54
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	2	1	0	5	0	8
BLANKS	40	42	27	40	20	3	172
TOTAL	191	445	230	358	301		1525

COUNCILLOR, 4TH DISTRICT	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
CHRISTOPHER A. IANNELLA, JR	68	198					266
STEPHEN F. FLYNN	56	138					194
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	2					2
BLANKS	67	107					174
TOTAL	191	445					636

COUNCILLOR, 2ND DISTRICT	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
BRIAN M. CLINTON			37	42	50	16	145
ROBERT L. JUBINVILLE			62	103	100	54	319
PATRICK J. MCCABE			16	27	23	8	74
BART ANDREW TIMILTY			45	56	47	24	172
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS			0	1	1	0	2
BLANKS			70	129	80	22	301
TOTAL			230	358	301		889

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT 2ND Ply & Bri	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
THOMAS P KENNEDY	130	345					475
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	2					2
BLANKS	61	98					159
TOTAL	191	445					636

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT Nor, Bri, Ply	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
BRIAN A. JOYCE			173	278	239	108	798
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS			0	2	1	0	3
BLANKS			57	78	61	16	212
TOTAL			230	358	301		889

REP IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
CLAIRE D. CRONIN	133	305	107	196	163		904
MARK E. LINDE	2	2	4	8	10		26
JASS STEWART	28	59	54	89	65		295
ROBERT F SULLIVAN	27	73	58	62	58		278
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	2	2	1	1		6
BLANKS	1	4	5	2	4		16
TOTAL	191	445	230	358	301		1525

REP IN GENERAL COURT 3RD BRISTOL	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
SHERRY COSTA-HANLON						100	
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS						1	
BLANKS						23	
TOTAL							

CLERK OF COURTS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
MARC J. SANTOS	112	295	155	213	191	97	1063
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
BLANKS	79	149	75	143	110	27	583
TOTAL	191	445	230	358	301	124	1649

REGISTER OF DEEDS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
BARRY J. AMARAL	111	292	161	209	191	99	1063
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
BLANKS	80	152	69	147	110	25	583
TOTAL	191	445	230	358	301	124	1649

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
PAUL B. KITCHEN	75	221	110	151	139	70	766
JOHN R. MITCHELL	82	205	115	168	139	73	782
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	2	2	0	5
BLANKS	225	463	235	395	322	105	1745
TOTAL	382	890	460	716	602	248	3298

COUNTY TREASURER	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	precinct 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
CHRISTOPHER T. SAUNDERS	114	287	149	207	191	100	1048
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
BLANKS	77	157	81	149	110	24	598
TOTAL	191	445	230	358	301	124	1649

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SENATOR IN CONGRESS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
SCOTT P. BROWN	85	173	103	180	124	112	777
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
BLANKS	2	1	1	4	2	1	11
TOTAL	87	175	104	185	127	113	791

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
SEAN BIELAT	65	127	64	131	103	77	567
ELIZABETH CHILDS	5	14	17	20	9	17	82
DAVID L. STEINHOF	9	23	14	12	8	15	81
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
BLANKS	6	11	8	21	7	4	57
TOTAL	87	175	104	185	127	113	

COUNCILLOR, 4TH DISTRICT	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	12	12					24
BLANKS	75	163					238
TOTAL	87	175					262

COUNCILLOR, 2ND DISTRICT	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
EARL H. SHOLLEY			72	126	89	81	368
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS			0	1	1	1	3
BLANKS			32	58	37	31	158
TOTAL			104	185	127	113	529

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT 2ND Ply & Bri	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	8	12					20
BLANKS	79	163					242
TOTAL	87	175					262

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT Nor, Bri, Ply	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS			21	42	23	20	106
BLANKS			83	143	104	93	423
TOTAL			104	185	127	113	529

REP IN GENERAL COURT 12TH PLYMOUTH	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
DANIEL J. MURPHY	79	144	87	145	105		560
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	2	0	0	1	1		4
BLANKS	6	31	17	39	21		114
TOTAL	87	175	104	185	127		678

REP IN GENERAL COURT 3RD BRISTOL	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
SHAUNNA L. OCONNELL						87	87
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS						1	1
BLANKS						25	25
TOTAL						113	113

CLERK OF COURTS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	10	12	17	20	16	10	85
BLANKS	77	163	87	165	111	103	706
TOTAL	87	175	104	185	127	113	791

REGISTER OF DEEDS	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	9	11	17	17	15	9	78
BLANKS	78	163	87	168	112	104	712
TOTAL	87	174	104	185	127	113	790

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	7	14	14	21	12	8	76
BLANKS	167	336	194	349	242	218	1506
TOTAL	174	350	208	370	254	226	1582

COUNTY TREASURER	PRECINCT 1	PRECINT 2	PRECINCT 3	PRECINCT 4	PRECINCT 5	PRECINCT 6	TOTAL
WRITE-IN/ALL OTHERS	7	11	11	15	15	6	65
BLANKS	80	164	93	170	112	107	726
TOTAL	87	175	104	185	127	113	791

PRECINCT	ACTIVE VOTERS	INACTIVE VOTERS	TOTAL	VOTES CAST	PERCENTAGE
Precinct 1	1261	161	1422	278	0.195
Precinct 2	2422	460	2882	620	0.215
Precinct 3	2211	559	2770	334	0.12
Precinct 4	2419	416	2835	545	0.192
Precinct 5	2500	403	2903	428	0.147
Precinct 6	2246	485	2731	237	0.086
TOTAL	13059	2484	15543	2442	0.157

PRECINCT POLITICAL MAKEUP AS OF 08/17/2012	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	GREEN RAINBOW	UNENROLLED	OTHER
Precinct 1	388	270	2	753	10
Precinct 2	720	463	2	1685	13
Precinct 3	741	420	3	1596	10
Precinct 4	695	498	4	1627	10
Precinct 5	810	420	2	1659	11
Precinct 6	682	467	2	1564	16
TOTAL	4036	2538	15	8684	70

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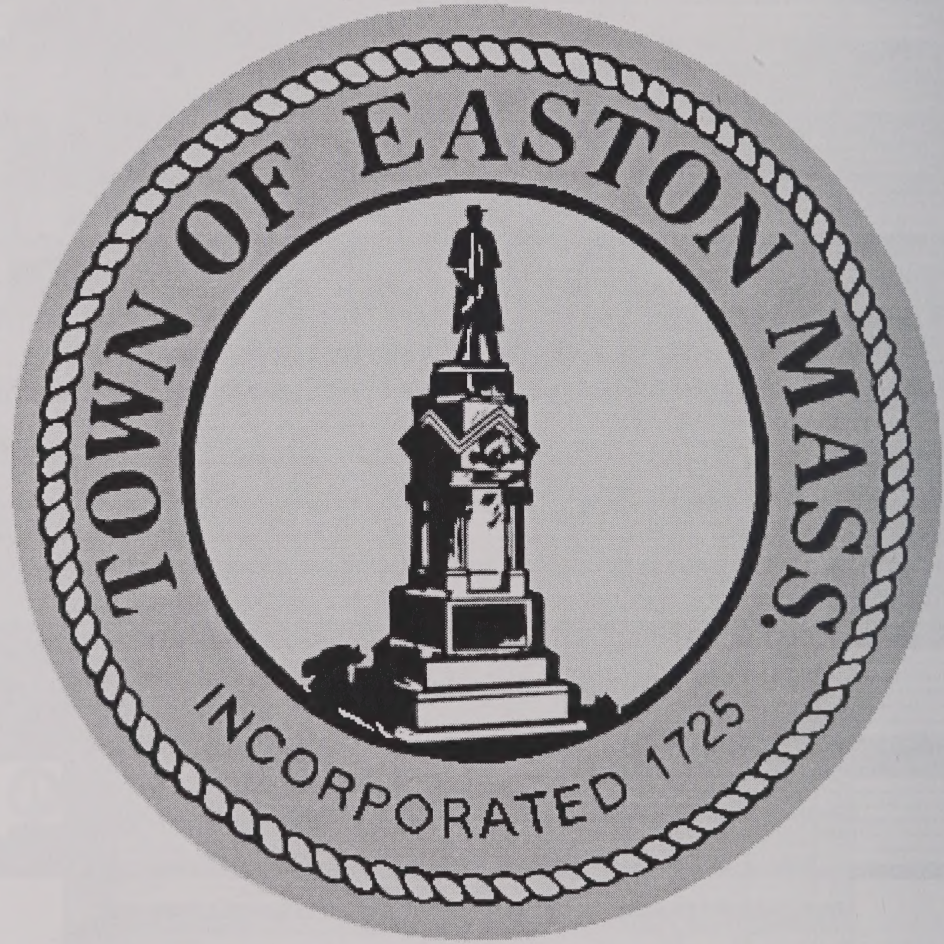
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PRESIDENT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
JOHNSON & GRAY	15	14	13	23	17	13	95
OBAMA & BIDEN	486	1085	1003	1028	1147	984	5733
ROMNEY & RYAN	633	1124	987	1179	1133	1150	6206
STEIN & HONKALA	5	5	7	15	8	2	42
WRITE-INS	2	5	8	3	5	8	31
BLANKS	4	10	5	3	8	9	39
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
SCOTT P BROWN	730	1298	1176	1371	1339	1298	7212
ELIZABETH A. WARREN	409	927	837	865	963	857	4858
WRITE-INS	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
BLANKS	6	17	9	14	15	11	72
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

REP. IN CONGRESS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
SEAN BIELAT	506	906	804	1016	968	960	5160
JOSEPH P KENNEDY, III	563	1171	1074	1072	1187	1064	6131
DAVID A. ROSA	33	64	77	70	63	51	358
WRITE-INS	1	0	0	2	5	3	11
BLANKS	42	102	68	91	95	88	486
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

COUNCILLOR 2ND DISTRICT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
ROBERT L. JUBINVILLE			918	904	993	888	3703
EARL H. SHOLLEY			737	867	823	883	3310
WRITE-INS			7	6	7	4	24
BLANKS			361	474	495	391	1721
TOTAL			2023	2251	2318	2166	8758

COUNCILLOR 4TH DISTRICT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
CHRISTOPHER A. IANELLA, JR	715	1422					2137
WRITE-INS	10	23					33
BLANKS	420	798					1218
TOTAL	1145	2243					3388

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT 2ND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
THOMAS P. KENNEDY	731	1469					2200
WRITE-INS	11	18					29
BLANKS	403	756					1159
TOTAL	1145	2243					3388

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT NOR., BRIS, & PLYMOUTH	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BRIAN A. JOYCE			1440	1521	1645	1528	6134
WRITE-INS			25	25	646	25	721
BLANKS			558	705	27	613	1903
TOTAL			2023	2251	2318	2166	8758

REP. IN GENERAL COURT 11TH PLYMOUTH	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
CLAIRE D. CRONIN	589	1184	995	1065	1162		4995
DANIEL J. MURPHY	485	903	854	1002	929		4173
WRITE-INS	1	3	4	4	3		15
BLANKS	70	153	170	180	224		797
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318		9980

REP IN GENERAL COURT 3RD BRISTOL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
SHAUNNA L. O'CONNELL						1129	1129
SHERRY COSTA-HANLON						749	749
WRITE-INS						2	2
BLANKS						286	286
TOTAL						2166	2166

CLERK OF COURTS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
MARC J. SANTOS	685	1388	1346	1372	1489	1414	7694
WRITE-INS	12	17	27	24	20	15	115
BLANKS	448	838	650	855	809	737	4337
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

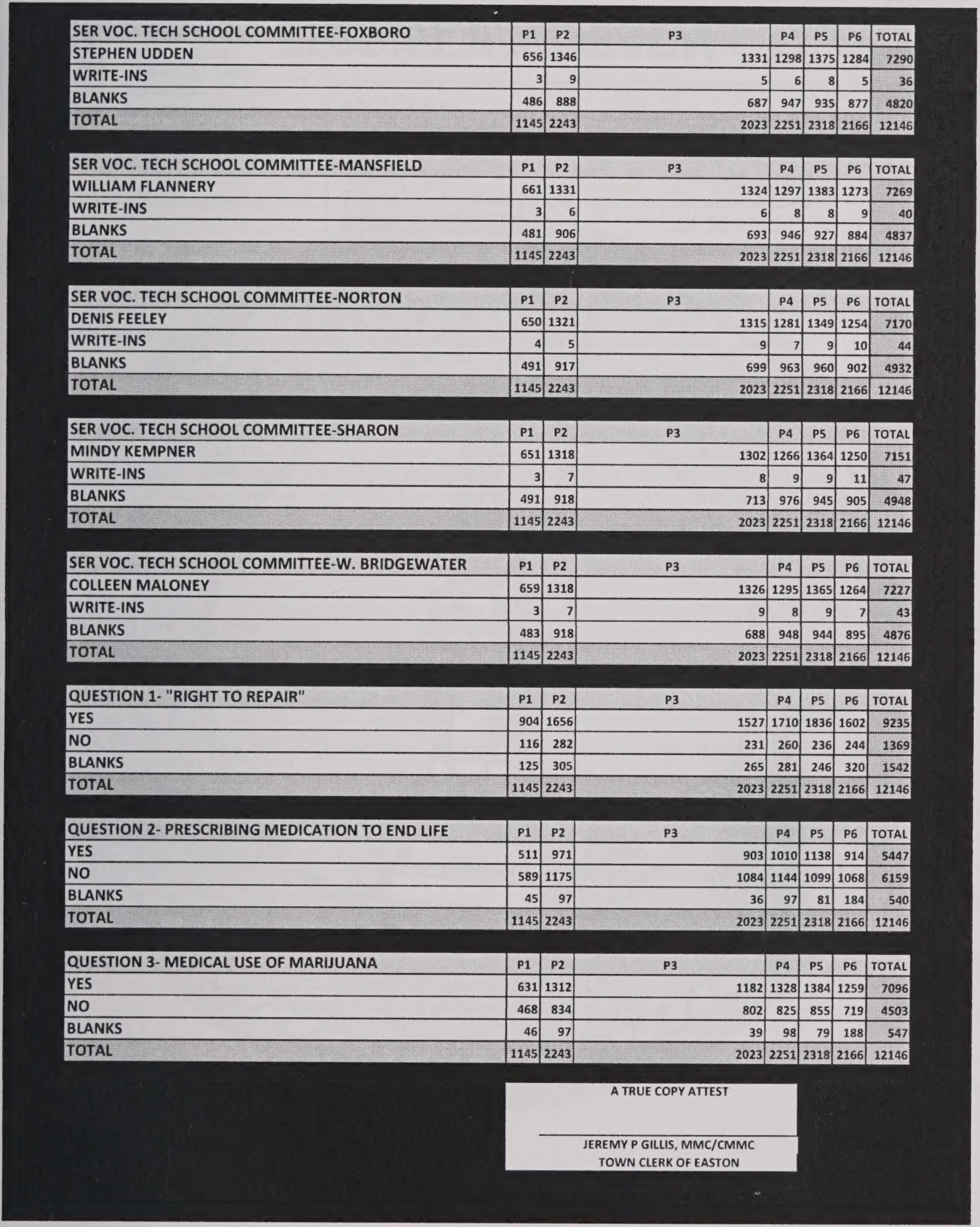
REGISTER OF DEEDS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BARRY J. AMARAL	683	1382	1346	1347	1492	1342	7592
WRITE-INS	10	14	23	20	17	798	882
BLANKS	452	847	654	884	809	26	3672
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
PAUL B. KITCHEN	406	825	799	812	885	837	4564
JOHN R. MITCHELL	397	807	672	781	769	711	4137
PAUL J. LEVASSEUR	366	707	626	688	673	645	3705
WRITE-INS	2	9	11	13	10	3	48
BLANKS	1119	2138	1938	2208	2299	2136	11838
TOTAL	2290	4486	4046	4502	4636	4332	24292

COUNTY TREASURER	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
CHRISTOPHER T. SAUNDERS	675	1341	685	1314	1418	1303	6736
WRITE-INS	10	13	22	16	14	20	95
BLANKS	460	889	1316	921	886	843	5315
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

SER VOC. TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE-BROCKTON	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
MARK LINDE	683	1401	1380	1360	1433	1324	7581
WRITE-INS	5	10	10	10	6	8	49
BLANKS	457	832	633	881	879	834	4516
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

PRECINCT	ACTIVE	INACTIVE	TOTAL	CAST	%
Precinct 1	1385	86	1471	1145	79
Precinct 2	2689	235	2924	2243	77
Precinct 3	2533	346	2879	2023	70
Precinct 4	2663	229	2892	2251	78
Precinct 5	2715	257	2972	2318	78
Precinct 6	2447	394	2841	2166	76
TOTAL	14432	1547	15979	12146	76



SER VOC. TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE-FOXBORO	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
STEPHEN UDDEN	656	1346	1331	1298	1375	1284	7290
WRITE-INS	3	9	5	6	8	5	36
BLANKS	486	888	687	947	935	877	4820
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

SER VOC. TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE-MANSFIELD	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
WILLIAM FLANNERY	661	1331	1324	1297	1383	1273	7269
WRITE-INS	3	6	6	8	8	9	40
BLANKS	481	906	693	946	927	884	4837
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

SER VOC. TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE-NORTON	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
DENIS FEELEY	650	1321	1315	1281	1349	1254	7170
WRITE-INS	4	5	9	7	9	10	44
BLANKS	491	917	699	963	960	902	4932
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

SER VOC. TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE-SHARON	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
MINDY KEMPNER	651	1318	1302	1266	1364	1250	7151
WRITE-INS	3	7	8	9	9	11	47
BLANKS	491	918	713	976	945	905	4948
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

SER VOC. TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE-W. BRIDGEWATER	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
COLLEEN MALONEY	659	1318	1326	1295	1365	1264	7227
WRITE-INS	3	7	9	8	9	7	43
BLANKS	483	918	688	948	944	895	4876
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

QUESTION 1- "RIGHT TO REPAIR"	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
YES	904	1656	1527	1710	1836	1602	9235
NO	116	282	231	260	236	244	1369
BLANKS	125	305	265	281	246	320	1542
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

QUESTION 2- PRESCRIBING MEDICATION TO END LIFE	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
YES	511	971	903	1010	1138	914	5447
NO	589	1175	1084	1144	1099	1068	6159
BLANKS	45	97	36	97	81	184	540
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

QUESTION 3- MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
YES	631	1312	1182	1328	1384	1259	7096
NO	468	834	802	825	855	719	4503
BLANKS	46	97	39	98	79	188	547
TOTAL	1145	2243	2023	2251	2318	2166	12146

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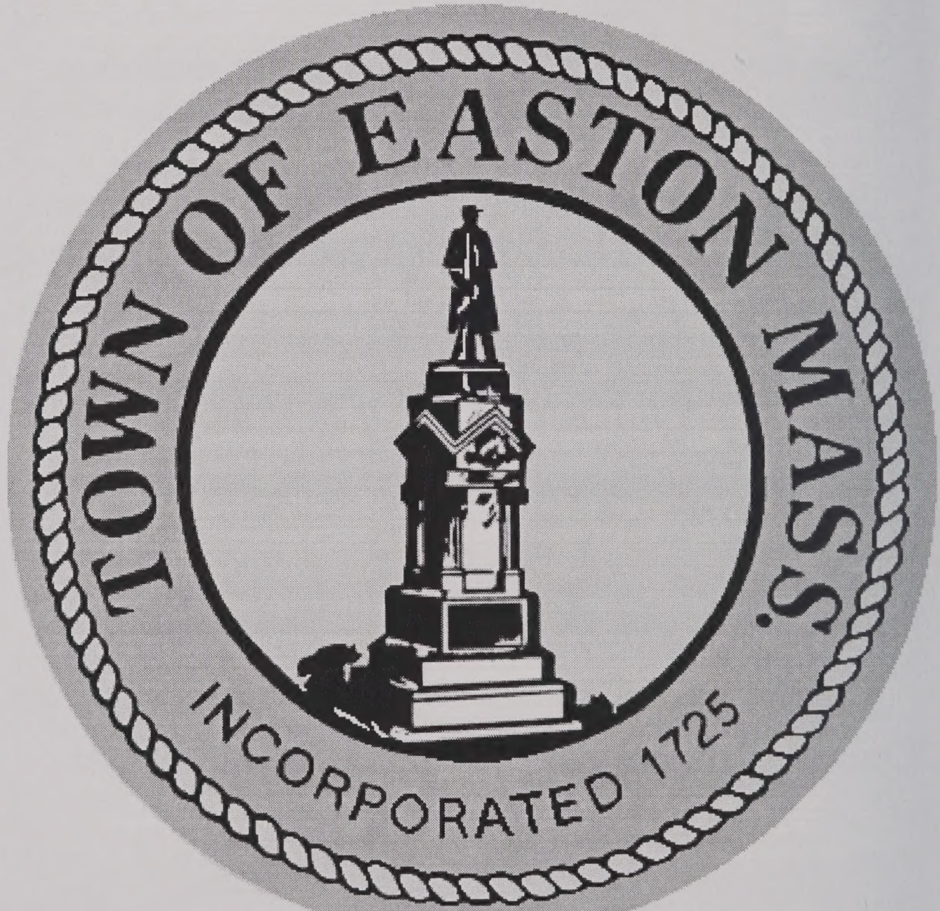
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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE #: 1
MOTIONED BY: CORONA
SECONDED BY: BARLOW
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION: *DECLARED2/3 UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.*

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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ARTICLE 1. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money into the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: ***Corona***

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $250,000 by transfer from free cash into the stabilization fund.

Explanation: This vote will transfer a portion of the free cash certification to the stabilization fund to build up reserves.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	2
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	BARLOW
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 2. TRANSFER TO UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to be transferred into the unemployment trust fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: ***Corona***

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $25,000 by transfer from free cash into the unemployment trust fund.

Explanation: The balance in the trust fund has been depleted due to federal extensions of benefits and needs to be replenished.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	3
MOTIONED BY:	**BARLOW**
SECONDED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 3. RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER PAY FOR ACTIVATED PERSONNEL

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying retirement contributions for personnel activated for military duty, or act thereon.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: ***Barlow***

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $6,100 from surplus available funds encumbered from fiscal year 2012 for the purpose of paying retirement contributions for personnel activated for military duty.

Explanation: This article funds county retirement contributions on the military share of pay for activated personnel during fiscal year 2011 and 2012 to allow for no loss in pension eligibility. These amounts are due to the retirement board as the employee has returned from active duty.

Vote Required: Majority

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ARTICLE #:	4
MOTIONED BY:	**CORONA**
SECONDED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES***

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ARTICLE 4. STREETLIGHT PURCHASE

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of funds to purchase street lights from National Grid, in accordance with G.L. c 164, §34A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: ***Barlow***

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $23,890, by transfer from the fiscal year 2013 DPW operating budget to purchase street lights from National Grid, in accordance with G.L. c 164, §34A.

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to purchase certain streetlights currently owned and maintained by National Grid. Owning these lights will result in significant savings by eliminating facilities charges currently assessed to the Town of Easton and will allow the Town to undertake future energy efficient lighting upgrades.

Vote Required: Majority

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ARTICLE #:	**5**
MOTIONED BY:	**NOONAN**
SECONDED BY:	**CORONA**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 5. APPROVE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SYSTEM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase and installation of public safety dispatch equipment, including software, console furniture and all incidental costs related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: ***Noonan***

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $125,000 for the purchase and installation of public safety dispatch equipment, including software, console furniture and all incidental costs related thereto and that to meet this appropriation, $62,100 be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate account and $62,900 be transferred from the fiscal year 2013 Maturing Debt and Interest Budget.

Explanation: The consolidation of public safety dispatch will require equipment upgrades necessary to provide effective communication between the police and fire department.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	6
MOTIONED BY:	NOONAN
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 6. APPROVE FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA AND TRAFFIC EMMITTERS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $13,593.88 from available funds for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and traffic emitters for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: ***Noonan***

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $13,593.88 for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and traffic emitters for the Fire Department and that to meet this appropriation, $11,346.40 be transferred from available FEMA funds and $2,247.48 be transferred from available Homeland Security Funds.

Explanation: This article will allow the purchase of much needed equipment from available funds earmarked for the fire department.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	7
MOTIONED BY:	GORNSTEIN
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	*DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 7. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2013 departmental budgets and fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/DPW Unit if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

*Selectman: **Gornstein***

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $135,534 to supplement the following fiscal year 2013 budgets and fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/DPW Unit:

ACCOUNTANT	***$ 1,134***
POLICE	***85,000***
AMBULANCE	***8,000***
DPW ADMINISTRATION	***5,400***
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	***36,000***
TOTAL	***$ 135,534***

and further, that to meet this appropriation, $90,000 shall be transferred from taxation, $8,400 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2013 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget, $1,134 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2013 Other General Government Budget and $36,000 shall be transferred from Solid Waste & Recycling Surplus.

Explanation*:* This article will adjust the FY13 budget to make adjustments for several departments which require additional funding and approve funding of the cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with the DPW union.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	**8**
MOTIONED BY:	**GORNSTEIN**
SECONDED BY:	**BARLOW**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**2/3 MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 8. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to amend ARTICLE 30 of the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting to appropriate an additional sum of money in the amount of $750,000, such that the total appropriated is $2,250,000, and to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds or authorize borrowing pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44 or M.G.L. Ch. 70B or any other enabling authority, to be expended under the direction of the Municipal Building Committee for the purpose of replacing and/or repairing the roof of the Easton Middle School including architectural and engineering expenses and other costs incidental and related thereto, which proposed repair Project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting required educational programs, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town Acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty and sixteen hundredths tenths percent (50.16%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. And further, that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee shall be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for the project and take any other action necessary to carry out said project, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Municipal Building Committee

*Selectman **Gornstein MOVED, SECONDED BY** Selectman Barlow*

Motion: I move to amend ARTICLE 30 of the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting so that the amended vote reads as follows:

"that the Town vote to appropriate the amount of two million two hundred and fifty thousand ($2,250,000) dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement and/or repair of the roof of the Easton Middle School including architectural and engineering expenses and all other costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project") which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting required educational programs, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Municipal Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty and sixteen hundredths percent (50.16%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA; and further, that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee shall be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for the project and take any other action necessary to carry out said project on behalf of or in the name of the Town."

***Vote Required:** Two-Thirds Majority*

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	**9**
MOTIONED BY:	**MURPHY**
SECONDED BY:	**NOONAN**
SELECTMEN:	**Recommended**
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	**Recommended**
REQUIRED VOTE:	**MAJORITY**
ACTION:	***DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.***

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ARTICLE 9. ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONS OF 2012 VALOR ACT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5N, an Act relative to Veterans' access, livelihood, opportunity and resources, said statute reading, in part as follows:

"In any city of town which accepts this section, the board of selectmen of a town, or in a municipality have an town council form of government, the town council or mayor, with approval of the city council, may establish a program to allow veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, to volunteer to provide services to that city or town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the city or town shall reduce the real property tax obligation of the veteran on the veteran's tax bill and that reduction shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled, provided, however that person shall not receive a rate of, or be credited with more than the current minimum wage of the commonwealth per hour for services provided pursuant to that reduction; and further, that the reduction of the real property tax bill shall not exceed $1,000.00 in a given tax year," or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: ***Murphy moved the following Seconded by Selectman Noonan***

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5N, an Act relative to Veterans' access, livelihood, opportunity and resources as printed in Article 9 of the warrant.

Explanation: This is an addition to the senior tax work off program we currently have in place. This expansion is dedicated to Veterans who would work within the Town and then receive credit toward their property tax bills. We currently have 25 slots for seniors and with this approval increase the number to 30. Five of which are dedicated to Veterans.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

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MEETING DATE: November 19, 2012

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE #: 10
MOTIONED BY: MURPHY
SECONDED BY: CORONA
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: *DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.*

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ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENT TO §156 - JUNK, OLD AND PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND ARTICLES

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 156 of its general bylaws by replacing it with the following:

§156 Junk, Old and Precious Metals and Secondhand Articles

§156-1. License Required

A. Every person who is in the business of collecting, dealing in, or keeping a shop for the purchase, sale, resale or barter of junk, old and precious metals ~~including gold and silver~~, and/or secondhand articles, shall be licensed by the Board of Selectmen.

B. For the purpose of this by-law, the term "precious metals" shall include any precious metal such as gold, silver, or platinum, without regard to the form or amount of such precious metal, or whether or not such precious metal is an incidental or minor component or some other article such as jewelry, bric-a-brac, statuary, automotive parts, or the like.

~~B.~~C. No licenses shall be issued hereunder for a Junk Yard as defined by the Town of Easton Zoning Bylaw.

§156-2. Application for License; Term; Fee

A. Each application for a license shall be made in writing to the Board of Selectmen and set forth the name of the party licensed, the nature of the business and the building or place in which it is to be carried out.

B. Each license shall be issued on a location specific basis and shall be for a period of one (1) year unless sooner revoked by the Board of Selectmen.

C. Licenses under this bylaw may be issued only after notice and a public hearing.

D. The fee for each such license shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

E. The license shall be clearly and prominently displayed in a suitable and conspicuous place on the premises.

F. Such license shall run from April until May of the following year.

§156-3. Condition of Licensed Premises

A. All portions of the licensed premises shall be kept clean and well lit. Merchandise shall be so displayed and arranged as to permit customers to have easy access and to be able to move freely about the premises without

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obstruction.

B. No merchandise shall be displayed off the licensed premises, including on public ways or sidewalks.

§156-4. Purchases from Persons less than Eighteen Years of Age Prohibited

No junk dealer, old and precious metal dealer or secondhand article dealer or any employee thereof shall directly or indirectly purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any junk, old and precious metals or secondhand articles from a person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

§156-~~3~~5. Record of Purchases of Any Precious Metals; or Other Items Valued Over $500, Examination and Inspection of Records and Articles

A. Every junk dealer, old and precious metal dealer or secondhand article dealer shall keep a book in which shall be written at the time of each purchase of any precious metal; or other items valued over $500, a description thereof, the name, age and residence of the person from whom the purchase was made, and the day and hour when such purchase was made. A photographic record of all precious metals; or other items valued over $500 shall be taken and maintained. Photocopies of picture identification shall be taken and maintained for any person who sells or barters an item of precious metals; or other items valued at over $500.

B. A list of all purchases and acquisitions of precious metals or other items valued over $500 shall be submitted to the Easton Police Department within one (1) week of such purchase or acquisition.

C. The Chief of Police or his designee shall at all times have the authority to inspect or examine all books kept by the dealer or keeper of the shop and shall have the right to inspect and examine all articles and merchandise therein.

§156-~~5~~6. ~~Articles~~Precious Metals; or Other Items valued Over $500 Purchased or Received to be Retained for ~~Fourteen Days~~ Twenty One Days

No ~~item~~ precious metal; or other item valued over $500 purchased or received by any dealer or keeper of a shop licensed under this bylaw shall be removed from the town, sold, or otherwise disposed of for at least ~~fourteen (14)~~ twenty one (21) days from its date of purchase or acquisition unless permission has been obtained from the Chief of Police or his designee who may request to inspect or photograph the item.

§156-~~6~~7. Testing of Weighing and Measuring Devices

All weighing or measuring devices used by a licensee in the conduct of the licensed business shall be tested and sealed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Standards prior to being placed into service. All weighing and measuring devices shall thereafter be inspected and tested on an annual basis.

§156-~~7~~8. Rules and Regulations

The Board of Selectmen may adopt rules and regulations governing the issuance and conduct of business for the sale of junk, old and precious metals and secondhand articles pursuant to the authority granted by M.G.L Chapter 140, §54 and the authority granted by this bylaw.

§156-~~8~~9. Suspension or Revocation of License

Any license issued hereunder may be suspended or revoked, after a notice and hearing, for cause or violation of this bylaw and/or the Board of Selectmen's rules and regulations.

§156-~~9~~10. Enforcement and Penalties

Violations of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00). Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. This penalty may be enforced pursuant to Chapter 50 of the Code of the Town of Easton, Noncriminal Disposition of Violations.

§156-~~10~~11. Severability

If any provision of this bylaw is held to be invalid, it shall not affect the validity or application of the remaining provisions, or take any other action relative thereto.

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Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: ***Murphy***

Motion: I move that the Town amend Section 156 of its general bylaws as printed in the Warrant

Explanation: The current bylaw is overly prohibitive to consignment, antique and second hand clothing items shops. The proposed bylaw amendment would ease restrictions on such businesses.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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